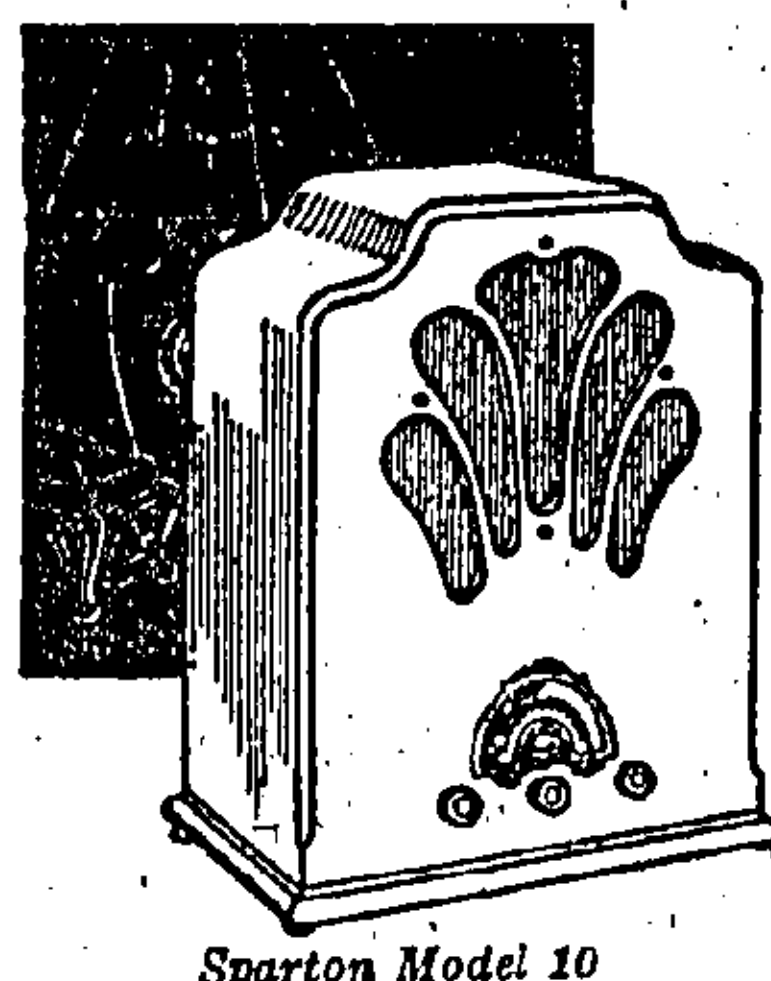




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ARSENAL CHECKED BY LEEDS

Newcastle, Notts F. and Brighton Win.

VILLA'S REVENGE.

London, To-day. Arsenal were again checked by Leeds United when they were forced to a draw after losing at the United at Highbury. The Villa turned the tables on the Wolves and are now five points behind the London team in the table.

Newcastle United, Cup holders, Notts Forest and Brighton and Hove Albion have had the distinction of winning the maximum points over the long week-end, winning all their three games.

The following were the results in full:

FIRST DIVISION		
Birmingham	1	Newcastle
Blackpool	4	Derby
Chelsea	0	Liverpool
Everton	6	Blackburn
Huddersfield	2	Bolton
Leeds	0	Arsenal
Leicester	2	Portsmouth
Middlesbrough	2	Sheffield U.
Wednesday	2	Manchester C.
Wolves	2	Aston Villa

SECOND DIVISION		
Bradford C.	3	Bury
Burnley	2	Grimsby
Chesterfield	3	Lincoln
Millwall	1	Notts C.
Notts F.	1	Stoke
Oldham	0	Preston
Port Vale	2	Charlton
Stamford	2	Swansea
Tottenham	2	Bradford
West Ham	1	Fulham

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)		
Brentford	1	Northampton
Brighton	4	Queen's P.R.
Bristol R.	4	Aldershot
Coventry	6	Bristol C.
Exeter	5	Swindon
Gillingham	1	Cardiff
Luton	1	Bournemouth
Norwich	1	Southend
Reading	2	Crystal P.
Torquay	1	Clapton
Watford	3	Newport

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)		
Barrow	1	York
Crowe	0	Chester
Gateshead	1	Carlisle
Hull	1	Hull
Hartlepool	6	Barnsley
Mansfield	9	Rotherham
Rochdale	1	New Brighton
Tranmere	3	Doncaster
Walsall	0	Stockport

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BRISTOL BEAT O.M.T.'S BY 26 TO 14.

Bath Record Narrow Victory.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS.

The following were the results of yesterday's Rugby Union games:		
Bath	3	Penarth
Bristol	26	O.M.T.'s
Coventry	20	Nuneaton
Gloucester	21	Old Blues
Leicester	10	Barbarians
Neath	23	London Irish
Northampton	27	Mosley

—Reuter.

Only 17 Saved From Wreck

S.S. Hsin Fuhtai Carried Crew Of 52.

Shanghai, To-day.

Only seventeen of the crew of fifty-two belonging to the Chinese steamer "Hsin Fuhtai," which ran aground on the rocks outside Ningpo two days ago and sank, believed to be alive.

The survivors, all Chinese, were rescued by the steamer "Tungshan" not far from Ningpo.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOPS MUSTER FOR FRESH DRIVE.

Harbin Reports Impending Large-Scale Action.

Harbin, To-day. Japanese troops of all arms are streaming eastward for a large scale drive aimed at eliminating the forces of Li Tu and Ting Chao as a military factor. The drive, if successful, will carry the Japanese forces to the Eastern border of Manchuria.

The troops of Li Tu and Ting Chao are now concentrated in the Muling, Lishuchen, Nishan and Pooranitchnaya districts.—Reuter.

SHAW SAVES NAVY FROM A COLLAPSE

Scores 83 Out Of Total Of 196.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET.

The timely arrival of Lt. Comdr. Shaw saved the Navy from a bad collapse against the Army in the Triangular Tournament match at the H. K. C. C. today.

Shaw went in when 7 wickets were down for 68 runs and remained at the crease while 116 runs were added, his own share being a hard hit 83.

Several of the Navy team were late in arriving for the game owing to a naval review.

Full scores were as follow:

NAVY.		
Lt. Marshan, c Davies, b Garthwaite	11	
Mid. Farnhill, c Flood, b Garthwaite	3	
Lt. Enden, c sub, b Garthwaite	4	
Capt. Burnett, c Chaffey, b Garthwaite	10	
Sub-Lt. Donald, b Mirehouse	17	
Pay Lt. Comdr. Yates, b Mirehouse	0	
Mne. Thompson, b Garthwaite	2	
Lt. Comdr. Shaw, c Dewey, b Garthwaite	83	
Capt. Drew, run out	17	
Mid. Bennett, c Garthwaite, b Dewey	16	
Mue. Jemmett, not out	0	
Extras (B29, LB4)	33	
Total	196	

Fall of the wickets:—1 for 9; 2 for 21; 3 for 22; 4 for 53; 5 for 53; 6 for 55; 7 for 68; 8 for 161; 9 for 184.

Bowling Analysis.		
O.	M.	R.
Garthwaite	24	9
Mirehouse	16	4
Flood	6	1
Dewey	13	0

Army:—Capt. Mirehouse, Lt. Young, Lt. Col. Marsden, Lt. Col. Colledge, Cpl. Davies, Bandmaster Trowl, Pte. Dewey, Lt. Garthwaite, S/Sgt. Flood, Sgn. Chaffey and Lt. Cragg.

GENERAL MA FOUND SAFE IN RUSSIA

Disguised His Identity After Flight.

IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

Moscow, To-day.

General Ma Chan-shan has re-appeared dramatically at Tomsk, according to report from that point.

Soviet officers were inspecting the premises where the interned members of the army of General Su Ping-wen detained when one of the men declared he was General Ma and that he had concealed his identity when first examined after General Su Ping-wen's army had fled into Soviet territory.

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SOUTH AFRICA TO GO OFF GOLD

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY REGULATION RULES

AIM BLOW AT SPECULATORS

CAFETOWN, TO-DAY.

IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED HERE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS ABANDONED THE GOLD STANDARD. THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN RELIEVING THE RESERVE BANK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REDEEMING NOTES IN GOLD IS TAKEN AS SUFFICIENT REASON FOR SUCH BELIEF.

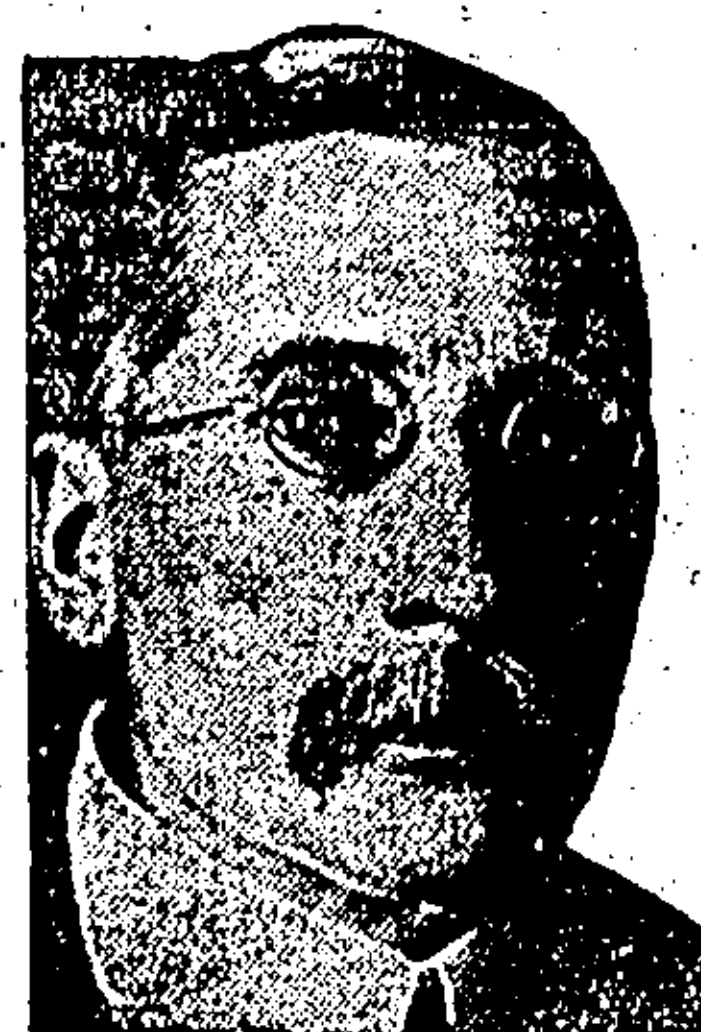
The Government action is taken as a blow at the speculators who have been purchasing heavily and hoarding against rising prices.

"The Cape Times," leading newspaper, supports the view that the gold standard has been dropped.

General Smuts, former Premier of the Union, has long been an ardent advocate of relinquishing the gold standard, and in his capacity as leader of the Opposition has the support of the farmer party. Great Britain, too, has advised South Africa that she would better her position materially if she were to abandon the standard.

Pretoria, To-day.

Official Statement. An official statement was issued by the Treasury under the Financial Emergency Regulations of 1931, which relieves the Reserve



General Hertzog, Premier of South Africa.

Bank of all responsibility of redeeming notes in gold. Exchange quotations must be made by the banks on this basis.

An official communication states that in consequence of the political situation and the uncertainty created thereby, there has been an abnormally heavy purchase on the exchange and withdrawals of gold coin for hoardings.

These acts are likely to continue on an abnormal scale with the result that credit and banking, which are sound now, will be greatly endangered.

It is represented by the Government that in order to avoid a crisis it is essential that immediate steps be taken to protect the country's gold and exchange resources.

The Government, in the circumstances, agree to relieve the Reserve Bank from the obligation under the Currency and Banking Act to redeem notes in gold.

Early Report.

Cape Town, To-day.

Up to now there has been no official announcement of the Government's policy, but a communiqué from the Finance Minister, Mr. Havenga, is expected tonight, which will positively declare the Government intends to adhere to the gold standard, but under the Emergency Act of 1931, and to take steps to further re-

CANADA AND SOVIET PLAN HUGE BARTER

Ottawa Considering Trade Suggestion.

OFFER CATTLE FOR OIL.

Ottawa, To-day.

Proposals for a huge barter of cattle and oil between Canada and Russia is being formulated and will be presented for the consideration of the Government on the return of Premier B. B. Bennett this week, according to reports which are not confirmed officially.

One report states that a Winnipeg company has tentatively arranged for the exchange of \$37,000,000 worth of cattle and hides for the equivalent amount of oil and petrol to be delivered in Canada at prices no greater than those of imports from present sources of supply.

The Federal Minister of Agriculture has admitted that the Government has been considering the proposals for some weeks and said to be believed something of definite value was likely to emanate from the negotiations. He pointed out that this barter would not interfere in any way with the importation of Empire products.—Reuter.

KWANGSI STUDIES PUBLIC WELFARE.

Draw Recommendations After Travels.

A part of Kwangsi delegates, consisting of Mr. Wong Tung-chai, Mayor of Wuchow, Mr. Wong Shiu-kun, Magistrate of Ho Hsien district, Mr. Tsang Cho-chung and Mr. Lo Yee-tan of the Educational Department, arrived in the Colony from Shanghai on Sunday.

They have been engaged on an investigation concerning sanitation, finance and education, and are taking with them many recommendations in a lengthy report, which will be published shortly in Kwangsi.

MARQUIS LI SENTENCED TO PRISON

Three Year Term For C.M.S.N. Co. Official.

DEFENCE WILL APPEAL.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day.

Marquis Li Kuo-chieh, former general manager of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the Shanghai District Court, Nantao, yesterday, on charge of fraud and malfeasance in office.

He was also deprived of public rights for four years, and the sum of \$700,000 which had been paid in to his name, through several banks, was confiscated. Messages to this effect were despatched by Chinese newspaper correspondents late last night.

It is understood that the defence counsel, three prominent lawyers, will appeal against the sentence.

The trial opened on December 22, when Marquis Li was charged on several counts connected with the \$30,000,000 loan arranged for the shipping concern from the China Realty Company, Federal Inc., U.S.A. The defence counsel declare that the accused, man acted in strict conformity with the Government regulations and that the loan agreements were sanctioned by his superiors.

An indictment was also drawn up against Mr. Chen Fu-moh, who, until recently, was vice-minister of Communications and Government Supervisor to the C.M.S.N. Co. Mr. Chen has been staying in Hong Kong since he resigned his Nanking post, but it is now indicated that he has left for Singapore.

ALL EMPIRE HEARS KING BROADCAST

Foggy Weather For London's Holiday.

London, To-day. The early promise of fine weather for the holidays has not been wholly fulfilled. Christmas Day, Boxing Day and yesterday, which was an extra bank holiday, have been foggy and cold in London.

A unique place in the holiday festivities was taken by the broadcast of the Empire programme and a message personally addressed to the peoples of the British Commonwealth by the King from Sandringham.

Press telegrams from all parts indicate that His Majesty's voice was heard clearly all over the world, with the exception of New Zealand and some parts of India.

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Prince George Convalescent

Listened To King's Radio Speech.

London, To-day.

Prince George who was prevented from joining the Royal Party at Sandringham by a chill and who listened to the King's Christmas broadcast in his own room at York House, was officially stated last night to be convalescent.—British Wireless Service.



INSULL SET FREE AFTER LONG TRIAL

Extradition Proceedings Fail In Athens.

WANTED IN AMERICA.

Athens, To-day.

Samuel Insull, Sr., reputed to be one of the wealthiest magnates in America, and against whom federal charges have been laid in Washington in connection with the failure of companies in which he was the dominant figure, has escaped extradition from Greece to America.

The one-time associate of the late Mr. Thomas A. Edison, Mr. Insull is now a white-haired gentleman who moves still in the highest realms of finance.

When Washington sought to have him arrested in Paris, he fled to Rome. Friends in America allegedly kept him posted so that he could elude the agents of police.

Finally, however, he surrendered in Athens was held for extradition but won his freedom.

To-day he was set at liberty.—Reuter.

Chicago, To-day.

The State Attorney has announced that he has instructed the State representatives in Athens to appeal against the Greek refusal to extradite Mr. Samuel Insull, Sr.—Reuter.

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PRESS PRAISE FOR WORK OF INDIA PARLEY

Large Measure Of Agreement Reached.

PARLIAMENT ASSISTED.

London, To-day.

The British press record with satisfaction the evidence of progress in the Indian problem conference on Christmas Eve, and the prospect held forth by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Sankey, that the next stage in the Government's programme, namely, the submission of reforms bill to the consideration of the joint select Committee of Parliament, may be reached in the spring.

In a leading article headed "Success at the Round Table," the "Times," after complimenting Sir Samuel Hoare and the whole body of delegates on their achievement, says:

"It is true that on many points, such as the size of the Federal Chambers and the allocation of seats, where there is room for honest differences, the British Indian and the Indian States delegates have not been unanimous. But what matters is that on the most important questions, a sufficiently

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SKIPPER TELLS OF PASSAGE

Continuous Bad Luck Encountered.

PLANE SEARCH IN FOG.

The yachts "Azuma" and "La Cigale," reported missing early to-day, are safe and their skippers and crews none the worse for an adventurous passage from Hong Kong to Macao and back.

"Azuma" having put her skipper ashore, was brought into Hong Kong harbour by Mr. C. J. Cooke. Mr. C. D. Lambert went ashore at Capsulimun.

"La Cigale," left by her skipper at Tai-o, will be brought in by her crew. Mr. N. V. A. Croucher and Mr. C. C. Blake came to Hong from Tai-o when they had assured themselves as to the safety of their craft.

When reports that several of the yachts which had competed in the annual race from Hong Kong to Macao and back, and which left here at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, had not returned, two aircraft were despatched by the Admiralty at dawn to-day to search for them. Owing to the heavy fog the planes could do little, but the skipper of "Azuma" saw one of the searching machines.

Sailors Not Worried.

Both Mr. Croucher and Mr. Blake, returned to the Colony at this morning. They had reached Macao at 11 p.m. on Monday they said. Early on Tuesday morning they set sail for Hong Kong. "But a strong tide put them off their course, and last night they decided to put in at Tai-o. They went ashore, this morning and journeyed to Castle Peak by ferryboat. From Castle Peak they caught a bus to Kowloon.

"We had a very enjoyable time," said Mr. Blake laughingly, "and we only wish there had been more wind to make it more of a race. We were never really worried at any time."

The Skipper's Story.

In an interview with the China Mail, Mr. C. J. Cooke, who sailed "Azuma" into port shortly after noon to-day, said that conditions were the worst possible. Every kind of ill fortune was experienced.

The journey to Macao was quite good. The "U" and "I" passed the mark boat at Macao at 6.10 p.m. on Monday and "Azuma" at 6.15. They were the two leading boats of five that took a southerly course. The "U" and "I" and the "Azuma" got a strong breeze which enabled them to take a good lead.

During the night it rained and they did not make much headway before reaching Lin Tin Island. Practically all of Tuesday they were becalmed off Lin Tin. They lay at the mouth of Deep Bay from midnight till early this morning, when "Azuma" headed for Capsulimun Pass.

Here, Mr. Lambert went ashore and Mr. Cooke carried on. He lay anchored at Capsulimun from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. this morning, and saw the searching aeroplane at about 7 o'clock. He entered port by going along the inside of Green Island. When he saw the aeroplane there was another boat following him, but it was not the "La Cigale."

On Their Course.

The last they saw of the "La Cigale" was on Monday at 6 p.m. near the mark boat at Macao. Conditions then were very bad.

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The Woman's Page



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Turkish Bath For The Complexion Takes Off Pounds As Incidental LESSONS FOR EVERYONE

Turkish baths are popular not only with those who want to lose a few pounds of surplus flesh, but with those who wish to make their skins perfectly clean. The tropical heat makes it very difficult to keep a clear complexion; the pores are continually open and collect dust, so that a Turkish bath treatment especially for faces will be a blessing to many.

This localised treatment is not only good for cleaning the skin, but it is also excellent for getting rid of excessive oil. For the treatment you will need a small piece of Turkish towelling, hot water, a complexion brush or sponge, a tablet of tar soap, a few drops of tincture of benzoin, two heaped table spoons of boracic acid powder and a teaspoonful of powdered alum.

Now to begin—Fold the Turkish towel until it is only large enough to cover the face. Soak it in hot water and wring it out to dispose of the excess water. Hold the towel near the face, keeping it about a quarter of an inch from actual contact with the skin; this is a very important point in steaming. Pressed closely to the skin, the steam has no space to circulate in between the towel and the skin, thus the action becomes merely a matter of holding hot towels to the face. As soon as the towel begins to cool, dip it into the hot water again and repeat the process. If your skin is not very oily and the pores fine, four or five steamings will be sufficient. If, however, you have enlarged pores, eight steamings should be given before proceeding to the second stage of the treatment.

Careful! See that you have some boiling water ready before continuing. Then dip a complexion brush (a

very soft nail brush or coarse sponge will do) in very warm water and rub sufficient soap on the brush to make a good lather. If you have an extremely sensitive skin, a good tar soap or witch-hazel soap is preferable. Of course, any soap you have been using and which agrees with your skin can be continued in use for the treatment. When a creamy lather has been brought upon the brush, rub it gently over the face, using a circular movement and following an upward and outward direction such as you would use if you were giving the face a massage with a nourishing cream. Continue this cleansing for four or five minutes before rinsing with warm water.

Pour one quart of boiling water into a basin and add three or four drops of tincture of benzoin; hold the face over the basin so that the steam rising from it can reach all parts of the face. The benzoin vapour penetrates deep into the pores and helps to stem the flow of oil. This steaming should last three minutes, then let the moisture dry naturally on the skin. While the skin is drying from the first benzoin steaming, mix together two heaped table spoonsful of boracic acid powder and one eighth of a teaspoonful of powdered alum. Repeat the steaming process, allowing the vapour to play on the face only long enough to moisten it. While the skin is still moist, dust the alum and boracic powder generously over the face. Boracic acid is antiseptic and refreshing, alum is an astringent and helps to shrink the open pores.

Great Benefit. If you have only a slight oiliness of the skin you will find this treatment greatly beneficial from the first. If the oily condition is aggravated and the pores very much enlarged, a longer time must be allowed before you can notice any marked improvement. However, sufficient improvement will be noted after one treatment to encourage you to repeat it daily until your skin is in normal condition again. Until the excessively oily condition has been remedied, an alum rinse may be used on the face, but only for special occasions. When it is essential your face should stay powdered for a long time, you can give your skin the following treatment.

Dissolve half a teaspoonful of powdered alum in one quart of cold water. Keep this handy, and then when you are going to some special event where you want to look your very best, pat a liberal amount of it over the skin after thoroughly cleansing the latter. Let the alum dry and then apply your make up in the usual way. Before retiring, wash the face thoroughly in warm water with soap; apply a liberal amount of

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½ cup salt
Mixed ingredients, let stand three hours. Pour into colander and drain. Add spice mixture.
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• 2 table spoons white mustard seed
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Mix ingredients, add drained vegetables. Boil 20 minutes, pour into sterilized jars, seal at once.

nourishing cream over the skin to counteract the drying effect of the alum.
Mud Pack Methods.
Most of you know how to give yourselves a mud pack for toning up the skin, but there are two special methods of using such a pack which are well worth trying. One is a treatment for reducing double chins. Apply the mud round the chin until it looks like a chin strap. Leave it on until it is absolutely dry and then sponge it off with warm water, finishing with a dash of cold. With an ordinary mud pack, it is necessary to pat in a cream to replace the oil which the mud has drawn out of the skin, but for this special chin treatment, use no cream at all, for the loss of oil helps to reduce.
Many women in the East have little wrinkles round the eyes due to the excessive glare and the other mud treatment is to eradicate these. In this case, pat in a cream before applying the mud, since the skin is so delicate, it needs special protection. When removing the mud, use tepid water, dry the skin and pat in a rich skin food. This treatment will check wrinkles and reduce puffiness around the eyes.



Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

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Dutch Peach Cake.
2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
4 table spoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
5 table spoons fat
1 egg
2½ cup milk
Mix flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Cut in fat. Add egg and milk. Pour soft dough into shallow, greased pan. Cover with peaches.
Peaches.
2 cups peaches
2½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 table spoons butter
2 table spoons cream
Mix ingredients. Press on top the soft dough. Bake 25 minutes in moderate oven. Serve warm. Fresh or canned peaches can be used.

MILLINERY OF MAY FAIR.

At a Mayfair fashion house there is just now, an interesting collection of new millinery.
Sailor shapes predominate, but a fascinating contrast is seen in an elegant picture hat of a beige, gauzy material which has been bound with broad gros grain ribbon.
The novelty of the design resides in the motifs of needle-run lace which are stitched in, sprawling disorder over the crown and brim.
At one side of the crown two flowers, one red, one purple, proves a sharp colour contrast.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

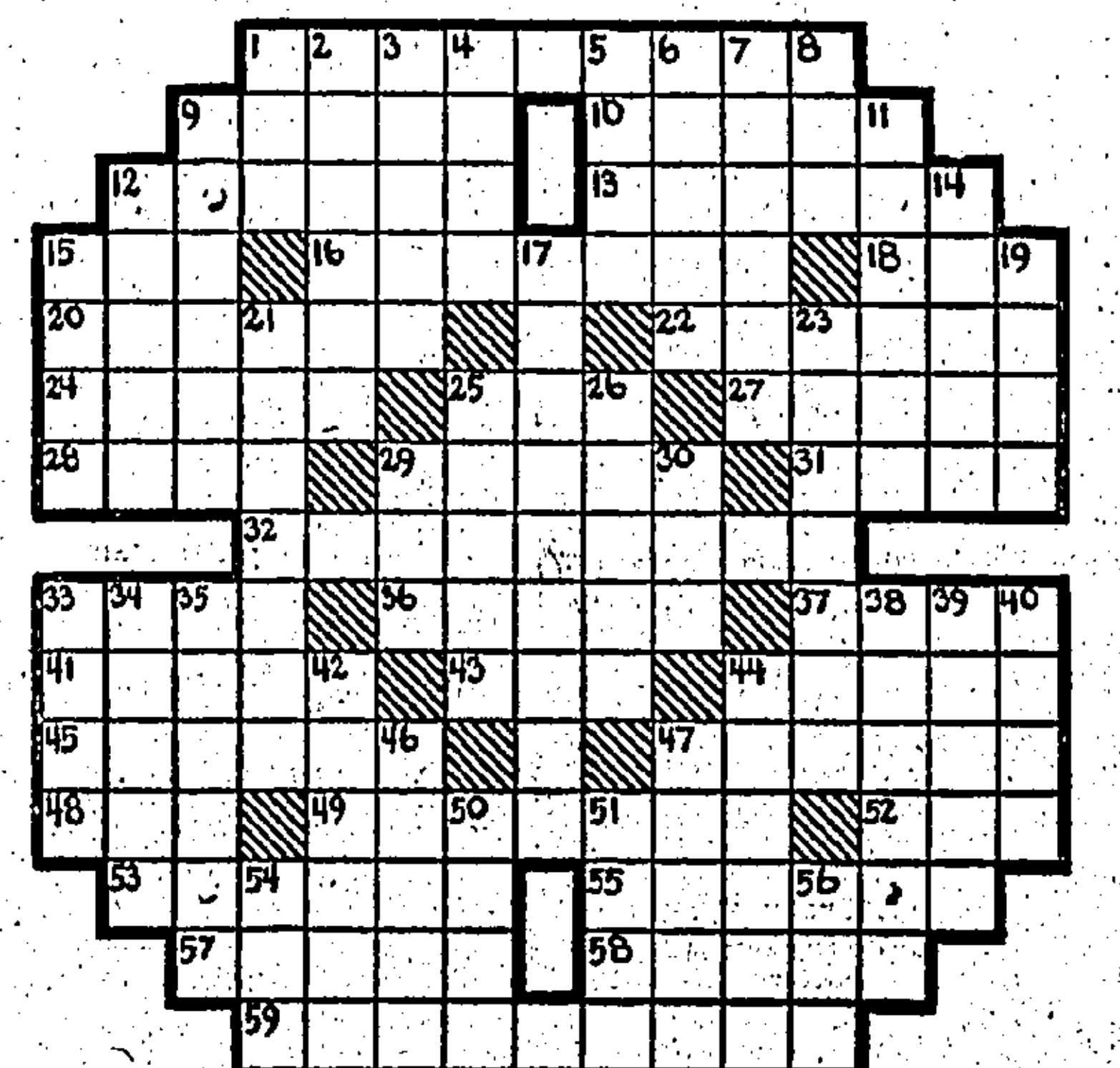
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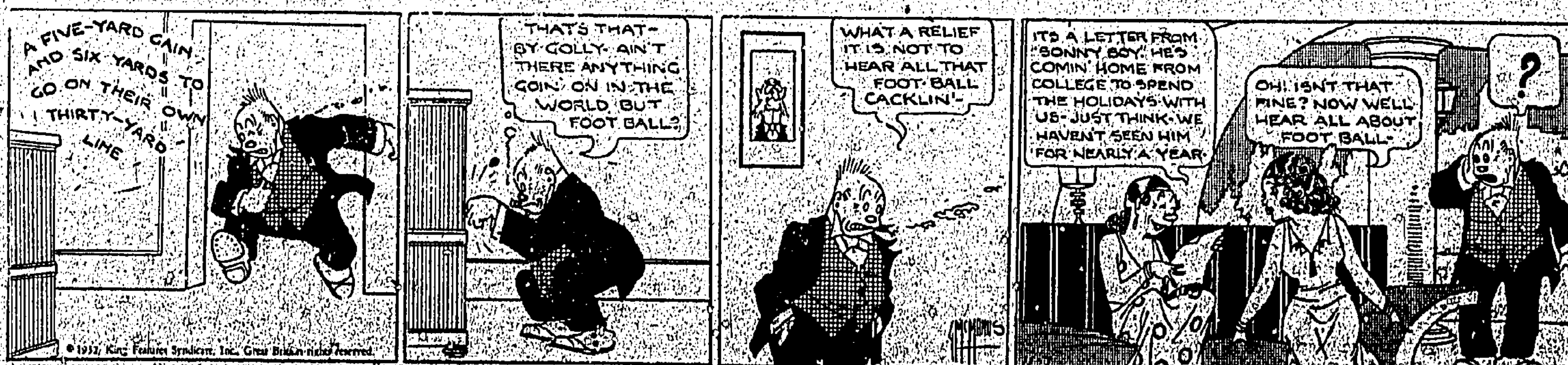
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-State of being fragrant
9-A store having a cavity lined with crystals
10-Carries
12-Constructed again
13-An ancient galley
15-Eternity
16-An errand
18-Japanese statesman
20-Tagged
22-Old name for Greece
24-More faithful
25-Perched
27-Turnips (Scot.)
28-Ease (Obs.)
29-Tardier
31-On the ocean
32-Sprinkled
33-Part for a single voice
36-Judges
37-Epoch (ph)
41-Fragrance
43-Doctors (abbr.)
44-Construct
46-Triflers
47-A drinking cup (Scot.) | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
48-Middle Atlantic State of U. S. (abbr.)
49-Those who peruse
52-Suffix. Of the nature of
53-Mend
55-Prayer
57-Lady (Sp.)
58-Notions
59-Those who itemize | VERTICAL (Cont.)
19-A mountain in Thessaly (Gr. Myth.)
21-Pleasant (Scot.)
23-Commandere
25-Satisfied
26-Abounds
28-A youth
30-Rail-roads (abbr.)
32-Spoken
34-Command
35-Rested at ease
38-Exudation from pine trees (pl.)
39-Suffix added to adjectives to form nouns
40-Sty (Dial. Eng.)
42-Notoriously bad
44-A religious festival
46-River in N. W. France
47-Shut and quick (Obs.)
50-Butcher-Lytton character
51-Elizabeth (abbr.)
54-Hawaiian food
56-Fellow of the Academy (Lat. abbr.) |
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(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle, will appear in to-morrow's issue.)

Bringing Up Father.



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Art and Drama

ROMANCE
RETURNS
TO SOVIET

Moscow.—Romance no longer is exiled from the Soviet Union and the Society of Proletarian Writers, which had outcast romance in favour of the most rigid materialism, has been dissolved and a new society formed, called the Union of Soviet Writers, with Pegasus less fettered.

An editorial in the newspaper Izvestia recently proved by elaborate citations from Marx and Lenin that materialism could wrong romance right in a Socialist State. The editorial concluded in a burst of eloquence, "How can a nation fail to be fired by romance and young men see visions when we are building a new world?"

Worshipped Cold Gods. Perhaps, too, the Russians have begun to realize that the worship of machines is overdone and that gods of metals are as gods of stone and more treacherous on occasion. For this country is now in a sort of intermediate period when every one is trying to make machines and use machines, but the making of the machines is not always good or easy and their use is often disappointing.

So there is grumbling at the new god when he balks at reaping fields or carrying a load. Besides, the Russians are a fundamentally romantic people, and bolshevism is a great romantic adventure, undertaken by millions of youthful enthusiasts, who feel nothing of their elders' fatigue or discouragement and care nothing about lost fashions they have never known.

STREET CHARACTER IN
NEW PLAY.

Charles B. Cochran has taken over the dramatic rights of "Magnolia Street," and the author, Louis Golding, is now making the first draft of the play. "When we met the other day," Mr. Cochran said, "I found that we were in perfect agreement about the form, the adaptation should take. The chief character will be the street itself, and the concentration will not be upon one particular family. In fact, we shall attempt to get the real essence of the book on the stage. It would seem to be an impossible task, but I can see a way of doing it."

Earlier this year Edward Knoblock worked out a scenario of "Magnolia Street" for Julian Wylie, who afterwards relinquished his rights in the book because there was insufficient interest in the provinces for a tour of the play.

The Young Master
Menuhin Hailed As
Violin GeniusPLAYED WITH ELGAR BEFORE
HE WAS 16

(By H. E. WORTHAM).

Who shall define genius? Who say what is the mysterious quality of the most precious gift of the gods to mankind?

When all the philosophers have passed it through the crucible of their minds, its elements remain as inexplicable as before.

Genius simply is. And the only thing to do before it, as Schumann said of the young Brahms, is to take off one's hat.

I took off mine to Yehudi Menuhin the first time I heard him. I wondered, like everyone else, at the miracle. There was a boy, a healthy youngster, interpreting the masterpieces with a complete maturity of understanding. Age?—He is not yet 16.

We had the Beethoven Concerto—a thing to which great artists have given their lives. And young Yehudi, calm and absolutely unmoved, played it with a profundity of thought and feeling that you have said impossible for anyone who had not lived and suffered from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

Progress With The Violin.

Yehudi has never done that. The whole world has agreed to acclaim him as the genius of the violin. And his father and mother are devoting their lives to making an environment for Yehudi and his two little sisters in which they shall enjoy their youth amid sound discipline and home pleasures.

One cannot explain the miraculous. But one can see something of the circumstances in which this extraordinary boy is growing up. In a letter from his father which Mr. Harold Holt has just shown me, Mr. Moshe Menuhin gives some remarkably interesting particulars about his genius of a son.

It was written from Berlin where Yehudi has just had an enormous success. Mr. Menuhin describes the enthusiasm amounting to frenzy of the Berliners. But he adds:

"What interests me is the fact Yehudi has progressed musically in the course of this past year tenfold! He has matured in a fashion so ripe, so masterly, and yet so human and healthy that his playing now brings with it an atmosphere of happiness and joy."

The father goes on to ask what has brought about his ripening in his son's art?—and answers that it is nothing but "our regular principled procedure." But a boy like Yehudi naturally meets other great musicians, and gains from this intercourse.

Hours With Toscanini. One of the outstanding events in his life this year was the six days in May he spent with Toscanini on an Atlantic liner. Yehudi passed happy hours every day in his company.

"I can assure you (Yehudi's father writes) that in terms of time, work, quantity and quality, he could not have accomplished so much with anybody else in two months. It was an atmosphere of activity, feverish work, intense enthusiasm on the part of both."

"Go On, Caro!" Toscanini would always burst out. "But, Maestro, don't you think there is something wrong with my interpretation here, there?" Play on, go ahead. Bravo! Bravissimo!

"When they walked the deck for hours later in the day, they would discuss points in the music, played or to be played. Yehudi will never forget the happy days he had with his friend Toscanini."

When they reached Paris Yehudi laid the basis of another friendship. Mr. Menuhin shall tell it in his own words:

"One day Yehudi received a piece of music. Usually we pile up new music in a corner in his music room for more leisurely times. Somehow it was left on his desk. It was signed, 'To Master Yehudi Menuhin, from his admiring friend, Edward Elgar, with all good wishes.'"

"In the evening, at ten o'clock, we heard Yehudi whistling in his bed. He is always asleep by 8.30 p.m. (and does not, as somebody has said, go to bed at eleven p.m.). We were aroused by that peculiar sound."

Record Of Elgar's Concerto.

"What is the matter, Yehudi? You ought to have been asleep a long time ago?"

"But, father, this concerto that we received to-day belongs to the masterpieces; it is great stuff. I love it. I am just crazy about its many lovely melodies—they haunt

VETERAN PROPERTY MAN RETIRES.

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It is just fifty years since Mr. William Crisp, of the Lyceum Theatre became a "property man"—the man who makes the smaller things in a stage setting, from the dragon in the pantomime to the Chief Inquisitor's chair in a melodrama.

Now, at the age of 72, he is going to retire, to a cottage at Lyme Regis, on the beautiful Dorset coast. He has many an amusing story to tell—chiefly of mishaps which appears as jokes now, but were "me!" In the morning Yehudi had dark lines under his eyes. . . .

"At nine a.m. the mail came, and a strange coincidence happened: The Gramophone Company requests the privilege of having Yehudi record the Elgar concerto, with Sir Edward conducting his own work, on the occasion of the great master's 75th birthday."

"Yehudi was wildly excited. If they can give me a month I shall tackle it, and hope to do it justice!"

"A telegram was sent, a date was made, several days were set aside for going over the work with Sir Edward before the recording. The following letter was received by Yehudi from his new friend, Sir Edward Elgar: 'I am delighted that you will use your wonderful genius to record the violin concerto with me. This is a source of very great gratification to your devoted and obliged admirer and friend, EDWARD ELGAR!'"

"That month was spent on the Elgar Concerto. The themes filled the air around our forest villa at Ville d'Avray, near Versailles, and all the members of the family, even our Italian valet and his wife, were whistling bits from it while washing dishes or cleaning furniture. The gardener always gave the slow movement."

"We arrived in London three days ahead of time. Sir Edward Elgar came to our hotel, prepared to work daily. Yehudi played the concerto through once for him, and Sir Edward's face beamed. He refused to sit down."

"My dear boy, it cannot be better. It is the finest rendering of my concerto. It is great. Let us go to the races, or go and see London. You need not work on it one single minute. It is perfect!"

"Yehudi was happy. It reminded him of Toscanini's 'Bravo, Caro, Bravissimo!'"

Studies of Chamber Music.

Mr. Menuhin gives some interesting details about Yehudi's methods of work. For three months during the past year he has worked with Georges Enesco, who refuses to recognise or call Yehudi his "pupil." He says that Yehudi's teachers, from his very babyhood, have learned from the boy as much as they have ever given him. The two worked together on Yehudi's new repertoire.

He now knows forty-eight concertos, all the sonatas of Bach (twelve), all of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Schumann, Mozart, and a host of others. He has, of course, scores of smaller pieces at his command. His thirst for knowledge, his father says, is insatiable. He insists upon studying and playing through all the chamber music that there is for the violin—almost a life task by itself.

But music is not all of the life which he leads, for the most part at Versailles. Four hours a day is given to it, and the rest of the working day is occupied with teachers from the Sorbonne.

Three hours is devoted to exercise—and twelve to sleep. "From 8.30 to 8.30 is sleep time, although it may come soon to eleven hours, from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. This is a law, and going out at night is a rare thing!" The youthful Yehudi is an unusually good chess player for his age.

A Prodigy's Home Life. Mr. Moshe Menuhin is a determined parent. He has no use for schools. "Our children never have been at school," he says, and he holds very decisive views:

"Our home is a school plus a conservatoire. You see, we were once teachers, both my wife and I. We could not inculcate any real good in others under the present ridiculous system of education, wherein mass production in education reflects the mass production of this industrial age. We have decided to dedicate our lives to our own children, and give them individual attention."

The revelation of the musical genius of Yehudi was, he declares, accidental. It demanded only that they should not interfere with the boy's natural development.

disasters for the actors when they happened.

"I like to think best of the old days at the Standard Theatre in Shoreditch," he says. "People knew what they wanted then, and if they did not get it they threw things at the actors. They wanted drama then, good solid melodrama, with the 'heavy man' as a really black villain who was either killed, or hanged, or sent to prison."

"Often and often I have heard the old ladies say, 'Oh, I've enjoyed myself, I've been crying all the evening.' But the plays always had to have a happy ending."

"The 'heavy men' were always the star turns and always played the parts of the villain. . . . Often the audience used to take the plays so seriously that they would throw things at the villains."

Fine, Old Titles.

"Many of the old melodramas for which Mr. Crisp made the 'Props' had fine resounding titles—titles such as 'Between Two Women,' 'Driven from Home,' 'The Girl Who Wrecked His Home,' 'A Girl's Cross Roads,' 'The Girl Who Took the Wrong Turning,' 'The Worst Woman in London,' and 'A World of Sin.'"

"Things used to go wrong sometimes," he relates with a chuckle. "I remember when we were doing 'The Railroad of Life' there was a scene in which a 'train' entered a tunnel on the stage. The 'train' was attached to the 'carriages' with ropes, and it was part of our job to push it. I was with the 'train.' Someone was not watching for our cue, for when it came the 'train' went off with a rush, but the 'carriages' did not follow."

"The 'train' jerked up in the air and wrecked the tunnel. But the governor, Mr. Andrew Melville, was very cute. He signalled for the curtain to be dropped and then went before the footlights and sang 'Danger on the Line!' The house simply roared."

"Another time I got into awful trouble. We were playing 'The Spanish Armada' in which there was a Spanish Inquisition scene. A pin came out of the Chief Inquisitor's chair, and when he sat down the whole thing collapsed on the stage."

"Once we were playing 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' which was always very popular. The 'heavy man' who took the part of the slave dealer, Legree, was rather fond of his beer. One night he popped round the corner in his make-up and was arrested. I had to go and get him out."

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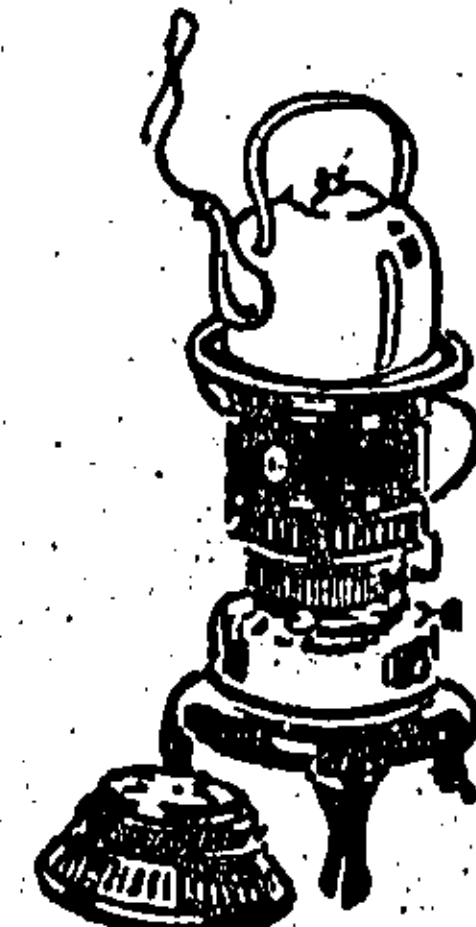
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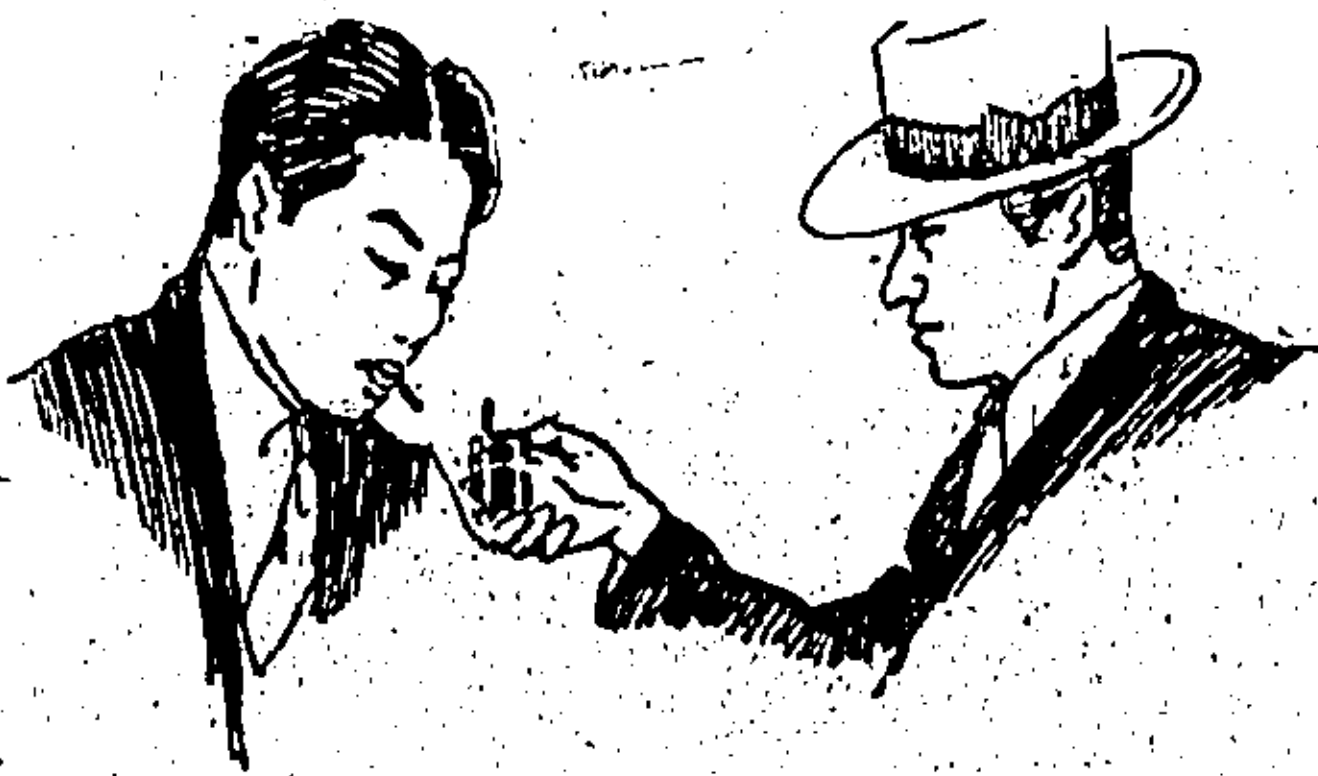
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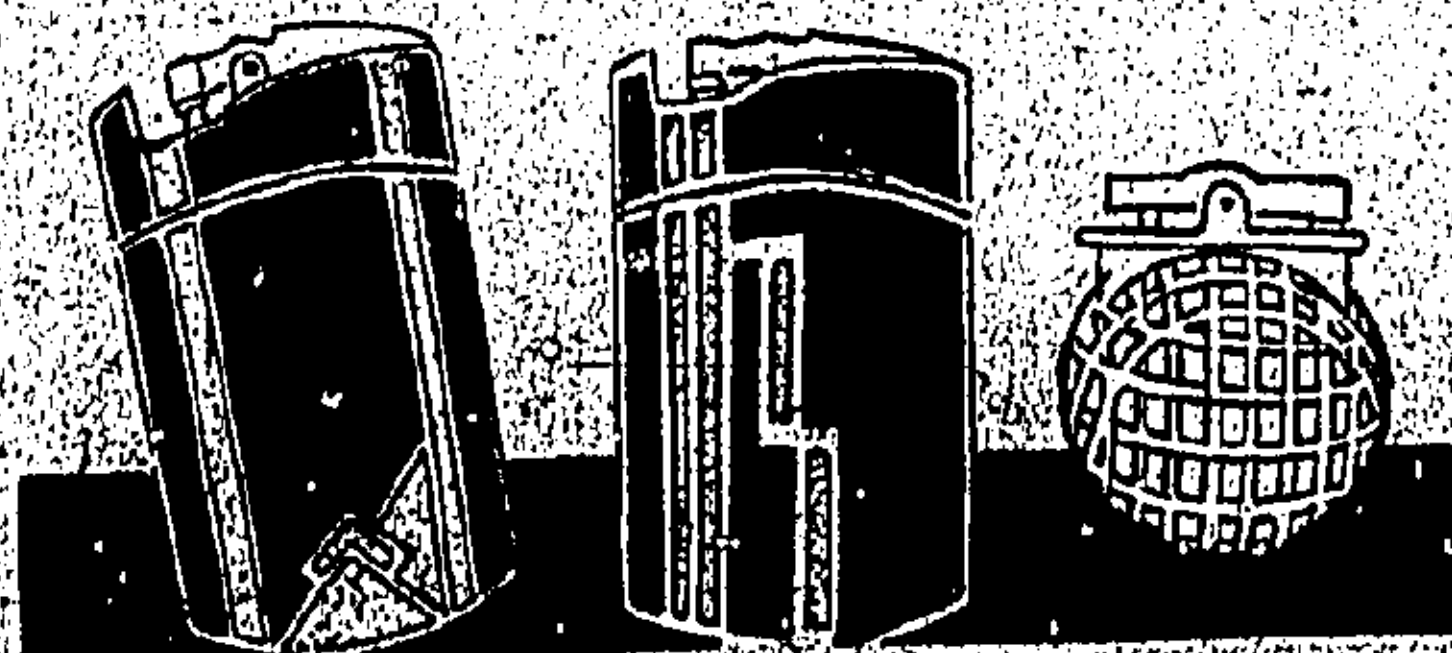
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Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares, a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

GENERAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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cate."

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used if necessary viz. M N ("Stop

instantly") or K Z ("Anchor

instantly") or I D ("Heave to or I

will fire into you") remain unal-

tered.

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Pepper, Cup And Reel As "Arms."

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On subsequent information, four others, two men and two married women, were arrested, in different parts of the Colony. In the possession of the alleged gang was found a packet of pepper a wine cup and a wooden reel.

The seven accused were brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

On the application of Det. Sergeant Kennedy, a remand for one week was granted.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police.

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II. All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Tuesday, December 27 at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

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(Sgd.) D. L. King,
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1932.

The Remaking Of India.

For several weeks past Indian affairs have lain practically dormant, though there are spasmodic reports of trouble in Central India. That is to say, the supposed political crisis has taken no new turn, while, as is always worth remembering, the masses of the common people have gone quietly forward with their daily work, secure in the protection of the British Raj. True, there have been occasional outbursts of terrorism, though not so frequently as was once the case, and the victims, as of old, have been mainly Moslem or Hindu. Congress agitators have been comparatively silent, or else have been given (perhaps wisely) less than their former publicity. Mr. Gandhi, who still remains in salutary confinement, has more than once threatened to begin another "fast unto death" in the interests of the depressed classes. Should he succeed in such an aim, the credit which he would win would in reality be due entirely to the British, without whose presence and influence neither Gandhi nor any other Indian would have troubled about the "untouchables." On this subject, by the way, it is interesting to observe the simple faith with which some of the English papers receive the news of the opening of a few temples to the casteless. "Advanced" Liberal and Labour organs actually seemed to think that the whole difficulty had been solved overnight, though long before their sanguine comment could reach India the new concessions had been in the main withdrawn—hence the Mahatma's talk of a second fast. While it may have to be admitted that the control of temples is the Brahmins' own affair, the control of votes, fortunately for many others, is not. The question of the franchise, indeed, is one of the major matters requiring to be settled by the Round-table Conference adjourned last week in London. If any country's problems could be cured by conference, then surely India should ere long be healed and whole. Granted that conferring seems the natural way to effect a compromise, yet the world at large has seen so many conferences produce such small results that it has somewhat lost faith in a method which accomplished more when it was rarer. The present gathering, however, was rendered inevitable by the events which preceded it, and may be regarded hopefully for what it is worth or something more. It had been the intention of the British Government (as announced by Sir Samuel Hoare in June last) to set up a joint select committee of Parliament in consultation with Indian representatives to examine the Government's recommendations for Constitutional reform. Certain resignations and other causes of delay prevented the carrying out of this project in the exact form intended, but the spirit of it has been carried forward into the conference just concluded. A simplified procedure has been adopted, avoiding public sessions and working upon a fixed agenda, and when agreement has been reached on as large a number of points as possible, the Government will adopt the programme thus formulated as its own and present it to Parliament for approval. Even along these lines of common sense, the conference has not found all its decisions easy. How could it, when one considers the complexity of the issues and the vast variety of the constituencies concerned? Women's franchise, for instance, has not proved the easiest of subjects even in countries long inured to the methods of the ballot-box. Little wonder that the Round-table Conference has had to postpone the matter for further examination, with even a hint that the provinces may be asked to deal with it in their own, and probably differing ways. The principle of special representation has come more and more into the electoral scheme. Its first great endorsement came when, under the Poona Pact, it was decided that the depressed classes were to have reserved for them 18 per cent. of the general Hindu seats in the Federal Legislature. Following this up, the conference has expressed itself in favour of separate representation for labour, commerce, and landlords. There is a good deal that can be said for recognising, in this way, a true cross-section of society, as against the more usual geographical grouping, which so often means that important minorities (which may, in their total, amount to a substantial majority) are left without representation at all. The question of the method of election to British-Indian seats has, with several other minor matters, been held over for fuller consideration in connection with fixing the size of the Federal Assembly. Assuming that all these details are eventually arranged to give something more than a semblance of general satisfaction, it is clear that the sole material benefit will, for a long time to come, be the indirect results brought about by a wider contentment.

HERE THERE

and

EVERYWHERE.

A History of Parliament.

An ambitious "History of Parliament" is to be prepared.

The Prime Minister, together with the only two living ex-Prime Ministers, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Baldwin, and also the Speaker, have become patrons of a joint committee of both Houses which is to assist and supervise the preparation of the work.

It will be based on the recent report of the committee under Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, on the result of whose researches Mr. MacDonald broadcast in September.

The Lord Chancellor is to be the chairman of the joint committee. The committee is not an official one, though it has followed on a suggestion by the Prime Minister, but it will be in touch with official sources, contact being maintained through Sir George Penny, one of the Government Whips.

Tragic Hunt Coincidence.

Fatal accidents in the hunting field such as that which caused the death of Brig-General Percival, when hunting with the West Waterford hounds recently, are happily rare.

It is a coincidence that a similar accident in the same county caused the death of the third Marquess of Waterford in 1859.

He was hunting with his own hounds, the Curraghmore, of which the present Marquess is now joint-master. His horse pecked at a small fence and threw him on to his head into a road. His neck was broken.

At the time he was wearing a hunting-cap, in those days the usual headgear for hunting men. Mainly as a result of his accident, the hunting-cap went out of fashion, and has now become the badge of office of hunt officials.

Your Daily Smile.

"To Stop Me—Buy One."

A writer says we have no orators now. Well, three vacuum cleaners at our house prove he's wrong.

HEM!

Needlework is becoming more popular among men. I read. That explains why we speak of some chaps as "Old Sew-and-Sew."

Note on Foot Work.

It is a bad thing to turn the toes out, says a doctor. But it is worse to turn them in.

The Boy's Right.

Teacher: Be very diligent in your studies. Remember, what you have learned no one can ever take away from you.

Pupil: Well, they can't ever take from me what I haven't learned either, can they?

Self-Raising Flower.

Dandelions, daisies, buttercups; millions of 'em in my garden.

Ask at Paddington.

"What will it cost to send my boy to Oxford?" asks a correspondent.

THOROUGHNESS.

He had a passion for tidiness. Even his whisky he would have neat.

What's that for Dad Department.

"Remember, my boy, curiosity killed a cat!"

How, father?

Facts You Did Not Know.

Ultra short radio waves, only one tenth of a meter long, that a German scientist has developed, have been found to follow nearly all the rays of light rays.

A device has been invented to overcome the electrolysis which eats away propellers and their shafts and bearings and rudders of ships that navigate salt water.

Success has attended experiments in England with the production of steam by burning a mixture of gas and air injected at high speed into the water in boilers.

An inventor has designed a telescope much shorter and lighter than those of similar power by employing prisms in the eye piece on the principle of field glasses.

BATTLE FOR RICHES

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Out of twenty of the most splendid money-makers in the history of finance and industry, whose lives

Horre Hans Wantoch weaves into a book six are Britons—not a bad proportion.

Admittedly a collection of mere money-makers and nothing else might introduce us to surprisingly dull company; but the author has a more humane purpose in view.

His choice falls on those who have contributed, in one way or another, to the development of the vast structure of banking, the exchanges, and manufacturing industry. Without exception, they are men of great achievement. It is a picturesque group which he assembles, with between them many a romantic story to tell.

There is William Paterson, who with a pamphlet founded the Bank of England, a Scotsman almost unknown to his own countrymen. His whole capital, as Macaulay said, consisted of an inventive mind and a glib tongue. Dogged and persistent, he had his own way in this most important undertaking for the whole world, but he was too much of a visionary to make good himself. For one year he received the modest salary of £2,000 as a Director of the Bank; but he felt that he must be off—into politics, a scheme for supplying North London with water, and other unprofitable pursuits. His wildest venture was the Darien Company.

Dreamed of Autocracy.

In possession of Panama, "the gateway to the sea, the key to the whole world," Paterson pictured himself to his co-adventurers as another Cyrus or Alexander, autocrat of a glorious empire.

"Paterson was, above all, a man of action, full of plans and schemes, always ready to risk everything he had in a new venture; a genius who had no technical knowledge, but an uncanny insight into future events; he was half land speculator, half diplomat, a writer of distinction, and a gallant old soldier of invincible courage."

"When the remaining members of his Darien expedition who had not died of malaria or hunger made their way to the Hudson after two years of indescribable suffering, Paterson himself, then almost dying, had to be lashed to the mast."

Later, in petitions to King William and Parliament, he represented himself as one suffering from hunger, but he managed to leave £7,000.

Sir Thomas Gresham, son of an Elizabethan London merchant, was of another type, as practical as Paterson was hopeless. People go to-day to the Royal Exchange to see the marvellous pictures, and it is difficult to realise that for nearly three centuries it was London's busy and crowded mart. The idea was not Gresham's. It came from the Antwerp Bourse.

Assisted Trade.

But Gresham saw the scheme through, and obtained Elizabeth's powerful support for it. Nor was "Gresham's law" really his, that bad money will always drive good money out of the country—the thought is as old as coinage itself. He reformed the base currency of the day, and thereby did marvels for our expanding trade.

Fittingly he introduces the really magnificent money-makers: old Jacob Fugger the Rich, stepping out of the late Middle Ages, financing Emperors and Kings, and responsible by his gold-bags in some part for the untold misery of the Hundred Years War.

War was the destiny of rulers, and to find the money at profit was his. As Fugger said himself, when he took off his shirt he laid down with it all the anxiety and strife of business, and slept well.

House of Rothschild.

It is a long step forward to the house of Rothschild—Meyer Amshel, the founder. "By appointment to the Prince of Hessen-Hanau," as he proudly set over his shop in the Jewish quarter of Frankfurt; Nathan, the gifted son, who in 1798, at the age of 23, settled in Manchester, and necessarily gravitated to London, and the others.

"What anyone else can do, I can do, too," Nathan once said was his motto. It really embodied the guiding principle of the whole family.

Mortiz Bismarck, the chief competitor of the Rothschilds in Frank-

fort, wrote of them:

"The complete absence of discord between the brothers contributes very largely to their success; none of them will hoar a word against the other; none of them will tolerate criticism of any other's actions in business, even when the results of such actions have fallen short of their expectations."

Alfred Nobel figures among the moderns. At thirty he discovered the use of nitro-glycerine as an explosive basis, and thereafter built up the world's largest business in that line by sheer scientific and commercial skill.

"Gray-haired and worn-out," as he described himself before his early death, he made over his whole fortune of some £1,700,000 to a Trust for the Promotion of Science, Art, and Peace.

A sad, haunted life was his. Was this last act really an expression of his ambition to benefit mankind by a single gesture, by a stroke of the pen, or was he paying out conscience money? Horre Wantoch holds that the Nobel endowment was the logical outcome of the inward struggle that was being carried on in his tragic, suffering soul throughout his life.

Nitro-glycerine, dynamite, do useful service in blowing up rocks. Alfred Nobel could never clear from his mind the memory that in cannon his explosives had destroyed many men.

Cecil Rhodes.

Cecil Rhodes was happier in his empire building. It was not achieved without war, but he was no nineteenth-century Conquistador. "The shrewd," fastidious money-maker had an odd liking for the robust, thick-headed Boer farmers," as he had for the savagery and good nature of the Matabele, who repaid him with admiration.

It is a little strange to find Richard Cobden in wealthy company. His life-work showed him to be a high idealist.

"My business ambitions (his own words are cited) are founded on firm ground for the time being, and, better still, they are opening up for me an almost unlimited vista of hopes and plans. If I ask myself what I am hoping for, I can hardly find a satisfactory answer. It certainly is not money. I have the greatest contempt for it."

It was the contempt of a man who at the age of 30 made an income of £20,000 a year out of cotton—at first a poor shepherd, then shop-boy and bagman before he set up for himself. Had he kept to cotton, such enterprise as his might well have placed him among the magnificent money-makers. But in his consuming pre-occupation with the Free Trade crusade his business went to pieces.

Cobden could not meet his liabilities. A subscription raised for him afterwards brought in £20,000. Practically all was dissipated in speculation in American railway shares. A second subscription realised another £40,000 for him.

Herr Haeussler

LAI'D TO REST.

German Consul's Sudden Death.

The funeral of Herr Johannes Haeussler, Secretary of the German Consulate-General in Hong Kong, who died on Boxing Day at the French Hospital after a brief illness, took place last evening.

Followed by a large number of mourners, the cortege left the French Hospital at 4 p.m. and on arrival at the gate of the Colonial Cemetery, the coffin was borne to the chapel, where a short service was held at which the Rev. Gelsinger, of the Basel Mission, officiated. The cortege re-formed, and proceeded to Sookmoo Valley, where the remains were cremated prior to being sent to Germany.

The widow was present together with the Consul-General, Dr. Bruno Hahn, as well as representatives of the Consular Corps, members of the German community, and other friends.

Messrs. Erich and Hugo Ammann, Oscar May, T. Soldau, H. Wipperfurth, and A. Luer were the pallbearers.

Many wreaths were sent.

Skipper Tells of Passage

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Mr. Cooke remarked that it was the slowest race on record, and he could not remember seeing such calm as the one they got into off Lin Tin on Tuesday. When the "Azuma" got near Deep Bay, her crew made a mistake in the coastline, and as a consequence she missed the current. They circled a big island before they discovered they were not on their proper course.

15 In The Race.

Fifteen yachts entered for the race to Macao and back, a record entry for the event.

The starting time was 7.30 a.m. on Boxing Day and six boats took a southerly course round Lantau Island while the rest of the boats followed a northerly direction through Capuimun Pass and in view of Castle Peak.

In the afternoon the wind improved and took the six boats to within 10 miles of the mark boat of Macao.

U. and I. the winner rounded the mark boat about five minutes ahead of Azuma at 6 p.m. yesterday.

The six boats that took the southerly course, met the others on their way back, experiencing very light winds.

"U. and I." received a little wind in short gusts and coming into Capuimun Pass caught a very strong tide which helped considerably.

"Norseman" just missed the tides when she came into the pass and lost about 6 hours.

At daylight this morning the boats were very much scattered, the winning yacht out of sight of the fleet.

Many of the boats which could make no headway came back on motor power.

Others Are Safe.

After a trying voyage, and many hours overdue, the yachts "Norseman" and "Monsoon," the former sailed by Mr. L. F. Nicholson and the latter by Mr. Roger Grieve, came into port shortly before 1 a.m. this morning. These were the second boats to return from Macao and finish the 70 miles Hong Kong yacht race. The "U. and I." the first yacht reached here at 6.40 p.m. yesterday. Her crew comprised Mr. H. S. Rouse, vice-Commodore of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Lt. Ryder, R.N., Lt. Francis, R.N., and Mr. G. H. Gandy.

The fourth boat to finish was "Typhoon," which crossed the line just after 19 a.m. to-day. "Curlew," sailed by Major Moseley, arrived six minutes later. Both these boats were sighted near Cheung Chau Island at 9 p.m. last night by "Luana" which finished yesterday afternoon, using her engine, thus being disqualified from the race.

Failed to Finish.

"Tavy II," last year's winner, sailed by Commander Cowland, R.N., although in company with "Typhoon" earlier last night, did not finish. "La Cigale" and "Azuma" sailed by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher and Mr. Lambert respectively, were expected to arrive this morning, but since the time limit expired at 8 a.m., they will not be included in the finishing list.

At midnight last night, "La Cigale" was reported at Tai O, Lantau Island, with "Norseman" making her way off Taun Wan. Owing to a slow tide and variable

Chico.

A \$100,000 fire, of mysterious origin, swept one of the thirty stables on Samuel Insull's famous Hawthorne farm estate near Libertyville, a northern suburb.

Twenty-one horses, racing thoroughbreds, and ponies, were destroyed.

American Legion members saved four colts when they saw the blaze while returning from a meeting.

Ralph Gallet, Chicago night club owner, owned the horses which included Lieutenant Russell, valued at \$7,000, Black Lightning, Siberia and Price Tag, and several colts purchased from the Widener stable.

ALL EMPIRE HEARS KING BROADCAST.

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Commenting on the broadcast the press pays tribute to this great technical achievement. The London "Times" says:

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Broadcasting is, when the right speaker speaks at the right day, as the King did on Christmas Day, an instrument potent for the good of all mankind.—British Wireless Service.

He is a member of the choir at St. Catherine's Church, Roslyn, Gardens, and last Sunday was heard at St. Mary's Biscellia.

He is the blind man's friend. Every night at five when business is at its brisk, he leaves his post in Boomerang Street to go down to the Blind Institution to assist the sightless men across the busy road. When the last man is safely indoors, Peter goes back to his tram stop, and recommences business.

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CAROLLERS SING TO COLONY.

Army Officers Play Artistic Hockey.

A sum of \$220 was collected by the St. Andrew's Church Carollers who toured the parish, under the direction of Mr. Rupert Baldwin, on Thursday night and Christmas Eve. Further contributions are expected in the form of a cheque from the Peninsula Hotel, while a cheque has also been promised from the Broadcasting Studio.

On Saturday night, the party crossed the harbour, and on the way sang carols on the ferry. On arrival at Hong Kong, they assembled at the Z.B.W. Studio, from where the Rev. W. Walton Rogers made an appeal on behalf of the singers, who collected for the St. Dunstan's Homes for war-blinded men. The appeal was broadcast. Several carols, including the old favourite "Good King Wenceslas" were rendered over the air.

St. Andrew's Church was prettily decorated with flowers for the Christmas services. There were full attendances at the Holy Communion Services at 7.15 and 8.15, and also at the morning service, at which the Vicar preached a stirring message.

In the evening, the service took the form of a carol and musical service, an organ solo being well rendered by Mr. R. Baldwin. "The Heavenly Boy" was sung by Miss F. McGill. The anthem "Rejoice in the Lord" was sung by the full choir.

On Christmas Day an enjoyable friendly game of hockey was played between the British and Indian officers of the H.K.S.R.A. The former wore fancy costumes, while the Indians adorned themselves with different coloured turbans. Prior to the commencement of the game, during the interval and after the match, the pipes and drummers of the Brigade rendered pleasing numbers. It was a jolly spectacle, and at the conclusion of the game the players adjourned to the U.S.R.C. Clubhouse where the occasion was fittingly celebrated.

POLICE OFFICER HONOURED.

Sub-Inspector Khan Retiring.

Indian police from the Royal Naval Dockyard met in the Exchange Restaurant yesterday afternoon when a tea party was held in honour of Sub-Inspector Mir Alam Khan, who retires from the force shortly, after long service.

Commander E. C. Brooke, R.N., presented the guest with a suitably inscribed watch and complimented him on his excellent record of service.

Sub-Inspr. Mir Alam Khan thanked his associates for the support that had always been freely extended to him and appealed for the same support for his successor.

Correspondence.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

[The Editor, "China Mail,"]

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 21st instant on the subject of the accident to Mr. E. S. Abraham, I have to point out a further inaccuracy in your report of the incident viz. that the time of occurrence was Sunday evening not Sunday morning.

I think that you will agree that I am hardly likely to be mistaken in the two points to which I have drawn your attention, and in the absence of any explanation from the principal sufferer, you must realise that the information you published so conspicuously is incorrect, and is distinctly damaging to my reputation as the driver of a motor car. I should therefore appreciate some explanation.

It is now established that the accident did occur early on Sunday evening. Difficulty was experienced in ascertaining the full facts of the occurrence and it is regretted that Mr. Jeffries was inconvenienced by the report.—Ed. China Mail.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, left here for Manila yesterday by the s.s. President Coolidge on a business visit. He will return early in the New Year.

To-Day's Short Story.

THE THREE INFERNAL JOKES

By Lord Dunsany.

THIS is the story that the desolate man told to me on the lonely Highland road one autumn evening, with winter coming on and the stags roaring. The saddening twilight, the mountain already black, the dreadful melancholy of the stags' voices, his friendless, mournful face, all seemed to be of some most sorrowful play staged in that valley by an outcast god, a lonely play of which the hills were part and he the only actor.

For long we watched each other drawing out of the solitudes of those forsaken spaces. Then when we met he spoke.

"I will tell you a thing that will make you die of laughter. I will keep it to myself no longer. But first I must tell you how I came by it."

I do not give the story in his words, with all his woeful interjections and the misery of his frantic self-reproaches, for I would not convey unnecessary to my readers that atmosphere of sadness that was about all he said and that seemed to go with him wherever he moved.

It seems that he had been a member of a club—a West End club, he called it—a respectable but quite inferior affair, probably in the city; agents belonged to it, fire insurance mostly, but life insurance and motor agents too; it was in fact a touts' club.

It seems that a few of them one evening, forgetting for a moment their encyclopaedias and non-stop tyres, were talking loudly over a card-table, when the game had ended, about their personal virtues; and a very little man with waxed moustaches, who disliked the taste of wine, was boasting heartily of his temperance. It was then that he who told this mournful story, drawn on by the boasts of others, leaned forward a little over the green baize into the light of the two guttering candles

and revealed, no doubt a little shyly, his own extraordinary virtue. One woman was to him as ugly as another.

And the silenced bonstons rose and went home to bed, leaving him all alone, as he supposed, with his unequalled virtue. And yet he was not alone, for when the rest had gone there arose a member out of a deep arm-chair at the dark end of the room and walked across to him, a man whose occupation he did not know and only now suspects.

"You have," said the stranger, "a surpassing virtue."

"I have no possible use for it," my poor friend replied.

"Then doubtless you would sell it cheap," said the stranger. "Something in the man's manner or appearance made the desolate teller of this mournful tale feel his own inferiority, which probably made him feel acutely shy, so that his mind abased itself as an Oriental does his body in the presence of a superior, or perhaps he was sleepy, or merely a little drunk."

Whatever it was he only mumbled, "Oh, yes," instead of contradicting so mad a remark. And the stranger led the way to the room where the telephone was.

"I think you will find my firm

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "A Man With Big Hands," by Stephen Phillips.

will give a good price for it," he said; and without more ado he began with a pair of pincers to cut the wire of the telephone and the receiver. The old waiter who looked after the club they had left shuffling round the other room putting things away for the night.

"Whatever are you doing off?" said my friend.

"This way," said the stranger. Along a passage they went and away to the back of the club, and there the stranger leaned out of a window and fastened the severed wires to the lightning conductor. My friend has no doubt of that, a broad ribbon of copper, half an inch wide, perhaps wider, running down from the roof to the earth.

"Hell," said the stranger with his mouth to the telephone; then silence for a while with his ear to the receiver, leaning out of the window. And then my friend heard his poor virtue being several times repeated, and then words like "Yes" and "No."

"They offer you three jokes," said the stranger, "which shall make all who hear them simply die of laughter."

I think my friend was reluctant then to have anything more to do with it; he wanted to go home; he said he didn't want jokes.

"They think very highly of your virtue," said the stranger. And at that, odd as it seems, my friend wavered, for logically if they thought highly of the goods they should have paid a higher price.

"Oh, all right," he said. The extraordinary document that the agent drew from his pocket ran something like this:—

"I am in consideration of three new jokes received from Mr. Ebliss, hereinafter to be called the agent, and warranted to be as by him stated and described, do assign to him, yield, abrogate and give up, all recognitions, emoluments, perquisites or rewards due to me here or elsewhere on account of the following virtue, to wit and that is to say:—that all women are to me equally ugly." The last eight words being filled in in ink by Mr. Ebliss.

"My poor friend duly signed it. "These are the jokes," said the agent. They were boldly written on three slips of paper. "They don't seem very funny," said the other when he had read them. "You are immune," said Mr. Montagu Montague, "but anyone else who hears them will simply die of laughter; that we guarantee."

An American firm had bought at the price of waste paper a hundred thousand copies of "The Dictionary of Electricity," written when electricity was new and it had turned out that even at the time its author had not rightly grasped the subject—the firm had paid £10,000 to a respectable English paper (no other

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SINGAPORE TO SEND SWIMMING TEAM TO COLONY

QUADRANGULAR INTERPORT

THE China Mail was yesterday informed that the invitation which is being extended to both Shanghai and Tientsin for the proposed Interport Swimming encounter next year will also be extended to both Europeans and Chinese from Singapore.

This announcement is one which will be welcomed in swimming circles, for, strange as it may seem, an invitation has never before been extended to Singapore, whose representatives have a five days' sea voyage to reach the Colony. Next year, however, there is every indication that Singapore will be able to send a fairly representative team, thus making possible the first Quadrangular Interport.

Singapore possesses excellent swimmers in both Chinese and European, the former excelling in swimming, and the latter specialising in plain and fancy diving.

PROBABLE TEST TEAMS FOR MELBOURNE

Tate And Brown May
Be Included.

BRADMAN GIVES CONFIDENCE.

On Friday the second Test match between England and Australia will commence in Melbourne. The last time a Test was played on that historic ground was when A.P.F. Chapman's team lost by five wickets after the match had lasted eight days and after the English team had won the first four matches in the 1928-9 series, including the Third Test on the same ground by three wickets.

The Australians will commence play on Friday with the Sydney defeat by ten wickets still fresh in their memories though the return of Don Bradman to their side will give them greater confidence. England, however, hold the whip hand. Their players are all fit; the keen competition for places in the side at Melbourne has been most heartening; and above all their triumph at Sydney has left the hall mark of invincibility.

The Australian selectors follow a long line of shrewd, practical judges, who choose "by the book," and, therefore, rarely provide surprise. The omission of Alan Kippax, however, has caused a mild sensation in view of the indifferent form displayed by W. H. Ponsford, and the vulnerability of the latter when opposed to Larwood's express-es. L. E. Nagel's omission has also caused wonderment after only one trial.

Though no intimation has been received regarding either the composition of the two elevens or the weather conditions in Melbourne the following will be the probable teams:

England:—D. R. Jardine, Nabab of Patani, F. R. Brown, R. E. S. Wyatt, Sutcliffe, Hammond, Leyland, Ames, Larwood, Tate, and Voce.
Australia:—W. M. Woodfull, W. H. Ponsford, D. G. Bradman, S. J. McCabe, J. H. Fingleton, V. Y. Richardson, W. A. Oldfield, C. V. Grimmett, W. J. O'Reilly, T. Wall, and H. Ironmonger.

Leyland cannot be dropped from the team as it will be recalled that he made his Test debut on the Melbourne ground with scores of 187 and 53 not out. His "duck" at Sydney was made in very poor light and after he had been in the pavilion nearly two days with his pads on waiting to go in. Maurice Tate is still described by Australians as England's most dangerous bowler, and there is every chance that he will displace Voce and take first use of the new ball. Verity's fallure at Sydney will probably see him omitted to give place to F. R. Brown, who should considerably strengthen the batting.

There will probably be only two changes in the Australian eleven which lost so ingloriously at Sydney. H. Ironmonger, the veteran Victorian spin bowler, displacing L. E. Nagel, and Don Bradman coming in for Alan Kippax.

ENGLAND V WALES SOCCER REPORT.

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HOME FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Arsenal	21	15	3	3	35
Aston Villa	22	12	4	6	30
Wednesday	22	13	5	4	30
Leeds	22	9	3	10	28
Derby	22	10	5	7	27
Newcastle	21	12	6	3	27
West Bromwich	21	11	7	3	25
Everton	22	10	8	4	24
Huddersfield	22	10	9	3	23
Sunderland	21	9	8	4	22
Blackburn	22	7	7	8	22
Bolton	22	9	10	3	21
Liverpool	22	8	9	5	21
Portsmouth	22	8	10	4	20
Sheffield U.	21	7	8	6	20
Blackpool	22	9	12	1	19
Manchester C.	22	8	12	2	18
Birmingham	22	6	11	5	17
Chelsea	22	7	13	2	16
Leicester	22	2	12	8	12
Middlesbrough	20	4	13	3	11
Wolves	21	4	14	3	11

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bradford C.	22	12	3	7	31
Stoke C.	22	13	5	4	30
Bury	22	11	5	6	28
Tottenham	22	11	5	6	28
Swansea	22	12	7	3	27
Fulham	21	9	6	6	24
Manchester U.	21	8	6	7	23
Millwall	22	9	8	5	23
Notts C.	22	8	7	7	23
Southampton	22	10	10	2	22
Plymouth	21	8	8	5	21
Oldham	22	7	9	6	20
Lincoln	22	7	9	6	20
Bradford	22	8	11	3	19
Port Vale	20	8	9	3	19
Grimby	22	6	10	6	18
West Ham	22	6	10	7	17
Preston N.E.	22	7	12	3	17
Burnley	22	6	11	5	17
Charlton	21	4	11	6	14

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Brentford	20	15	3	2	32
Reading	20	10	3	7	27
Exeter	20	11	5	4	26
Norwich	20	8	8	4	20
Crystal P.	21	9	6	6	24
Brighton	19	9	6	4	22
Bristol R.	20	9	7	4	22
Southend	21	7	7	7	21
Watford	21	8	8	5	21
Aldershot	20	8	8	4	20
Bournemouth	21	6	7	8	20
Luton	20	7	8	5	19
Coventry	20	8	9	3	19
Torquay	20	7	8	5	19
Queen's P.R.	20	7	8	4	18
Northampton	20	6	8	6	18
Gillingham	19	6	9	4	18
Bristol C.	20	6	9	5	17
Cardiff	20	8	10	4	16
Clapton O.	21	3	9	9	16
Swindon	20	5	11	4	14
Newport	20	2	12	6	10

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chester	22	13	5	4	30
Hull	20	11	3	6	28
Gateshead	20	10	5	5	25
Barnsley	22	10	8	4	24
Barrow	20	10	8	2	22
Crewe	21	10	9	2	22
Accrington	21	9	8	4	22
Rochdale	21	9	8	4	22
Walsall	22	9	8	4	22
Doncaster	20	8	9	3	21
Southport	20	8	7	5	21
Stockport	22	7	8	7	21
Mansfield	21	7	8	6	20
Rotherham	20	8	9	3	19
Tranmere	20	7	9	4	18
Grimsby	20	8	9	3	17
Halifax	20	6	11	3	15
York	19	6	10	3	15
Harrogate	20	6	11	3	14
New Brighton	21	4	12	4	12
Darlington	18	4	10	4	12

AMERICA LEADS IN TENNIS TEST.

Crawford Extends
Vines.

ALLISON AND VAN RYN LOSE
IN FIVE SETS.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
AMERICA gained the upper hand against Australia in the second Lawn Tennis Test here to-day, and at the conclusion of the matches led by 5 matches to 3 after commencing to-day at 2 matches-all. The match will be continued to-morrow. In the first Test America won by 8 matches to 2. The following are the results in full:—

John Van Ryn (U.S.A.) beat Vivian McGrath (Australia) 6-4, 6-2.
Ellsworth Vines (U.S.A.) beat Jack Crawford (Australia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Crawford and H. Hopman (Australia) beat Allison and Van Ryn (U.S.A.) 3-6, 6-2, 11-9, 4-6, 6-3.
Vines and K. Gledhill (U.S.A.) beat D. Sproule and McGrath (Australia) 6-3, 7-6, 6-2.
Earlier Results.
Harry Hopman (Australia) beat Ellsworth Vines (U.S.A.) 6-4, 1-6, 8-6.
Jack Crawford (Australia) beat Wilbur Allison (U.S.A.) 6-3, 6-4.
Gledhill (U.S.A.) beat D. Sproule (Australia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Allison and Van Ryn (U.S.A.) beat Sproule and McGrath (Australia) 6-4, 7-9, 6-3, 6-4.
—Reuter.

CHAMPIONS BEAT R.A.O.C. BY 7 TO 0

Gurbachan Singh Nets
Four Times.

In a Mamak Hockey Tournament match played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, the Radio Sports Club defeated the R. A. O. C. by 7 goals to nil. Gurbachan Singh (4) and Awar Singh (3) netted for the Radio, who led by 3 nil at the interval. The Ordnance Corps have yet to record a victory.

Parthian Wins.
On the Marina ground, H. M. S. Parthian defeated the Royal Army Medical Corps by 4 goals to 2, in a Mamak Tournament match. M. R. (2) and Brown (2) scored for the Parthian, while Payne netted both points for the Medicals.

Mamak Hockey Table

(Up to and including yesterday's games.)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio	13	12	0	1	54	8	25
R.C. Signals	15	11	2	2	52	15	24
1st Bty. H.K.S.	10	9	0	1	45	9	19
R.A.S.C.	15	7	5	3	20	21	17
Medway	13	6	2	5	26	13	17
St. Andrew's	10	7	2	1	38	11	15
Incoagulants	7	7	0	0	27	3	14
Police	7	4	1	2	13	10	14
University	9	5	4	0	17	20	10
Phoenix	9	3	3	3	16	17	9
12th R.A.	9	4	4	1	18	13	9
R.E.	14	4	9	1	15	32	9
R.A.M.C.	14	2	7	5	8	15	9
Wishart	5	3	2	0	10	15	6
Veteran	5	2	3	0	4	7	4
Tamworth	10	1	7	2	10	24	4
Parthian	5	2	3	0	10	19	4
24th R.A.	7	1	5	1	7	21	3
20th R.A.	7	1	5	1	8	15	3
German Club	10	0	8	0	37	4	0
R.A.O.C.	10	0	9	1	0	33	1
K.I.T.C.	12	0	11	1	6	47	1
8th Destroyers	2	0	1	1	8	5	1

BILLIARDS ENCOUNTER POSTPONED

Gill's Sporting Gesture
In Championship.

The match between S. M. Smith (Royal) Engineers and Mr. Gill (University) in the Colony Billiards Championship, which was scheduled to be played at St. Patrick's Club last night, was postponed, and will probably be played tonight at 8.30 p.m.
S. M. Smith was unable to play, and Mr. Gill, very sporting, declined to take a walk over and arranged to play tonight. The match will be the second to be played in the Championship and will be one of 250 points up.

THE SECRET OF ECONOMY IS QUALITY.

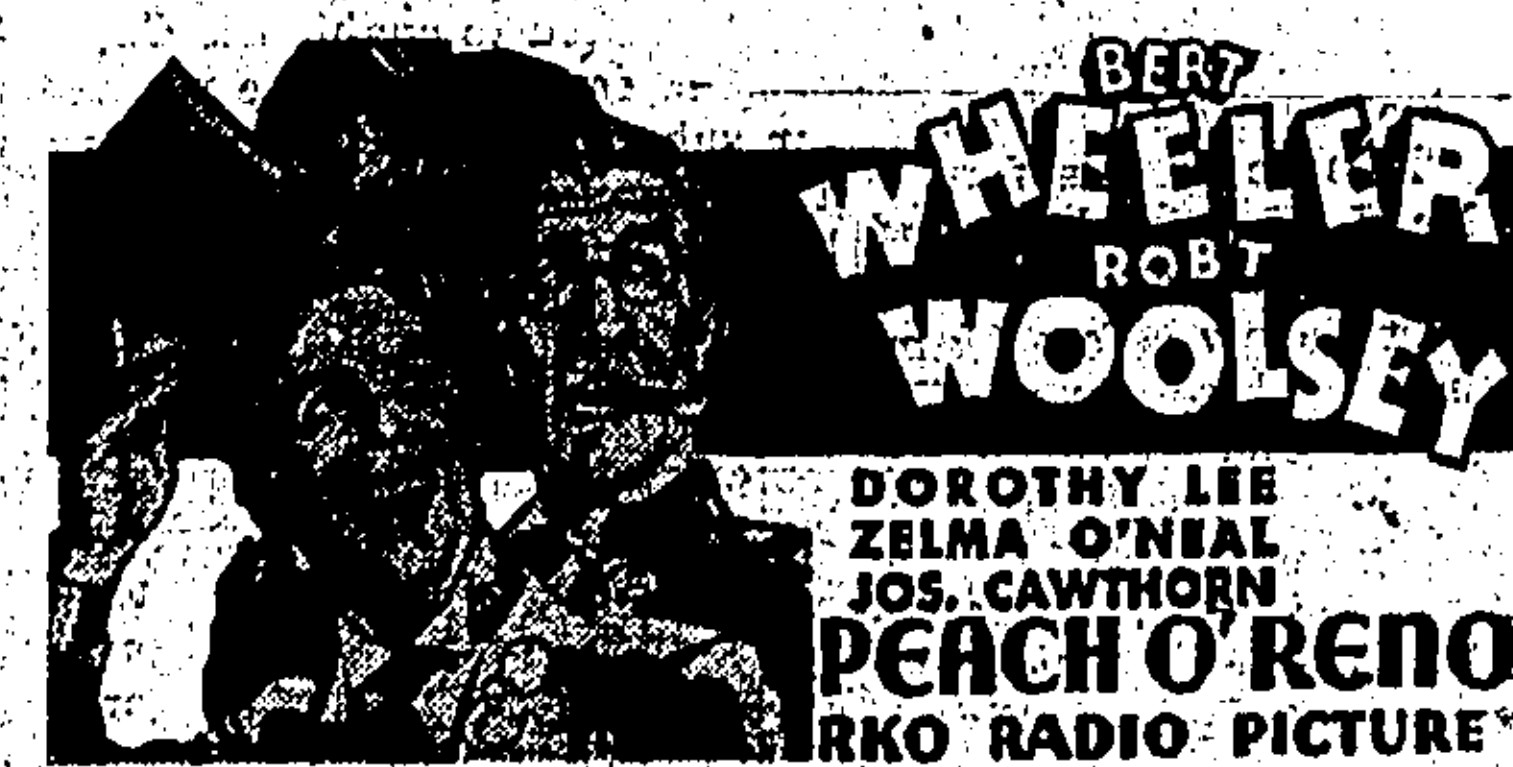
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CENTRAL THEATRE COMING SOON



CARNERA KNOCKS OUT JOE RICE

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FATAL SECOND ROUND.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 20.
Primo Carnera, the giant Italian heavyweight won his second knock-out victory within a week here last night when he stopped Joe Rice, Fort Worth, a bus-driver, in the second round of a ten round bout. The Italian was on top of his opponent from the first going until the fatal moment in the second round when he connected with a crushing blow.

Carnera entered the ring at 260 pounds, 60 pounds heavier than Rice, who weighed in at 200 pounds. On December 18 Carnera defeated Big Boy Peterson at Grand Rapids, Michigan, by a knockout in two rounds. Previous to this he had beaten King Levinsky, in 10 rounds at Chicago.

Carnera had scored five victories, either by knockout or technical knockout, this year before the Levinsky fight. He won all his bouts this year, except the one in which Larry Gains defeated him over 10 rounds in London on May 31.

"DARKIE" CHEN SUSPENDED

Not Visiting Colony
With Shanghai Team.

CHINAN-TUNG HWA INCIDENT.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Saturday.
"DARKIE" Chen, the brilliant Shanghai Inter-Porter, has been suspended from local football for the remainder of the season by the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Football Association. This means that he will not be included in the Shanghai side which will visit the Colony in February.

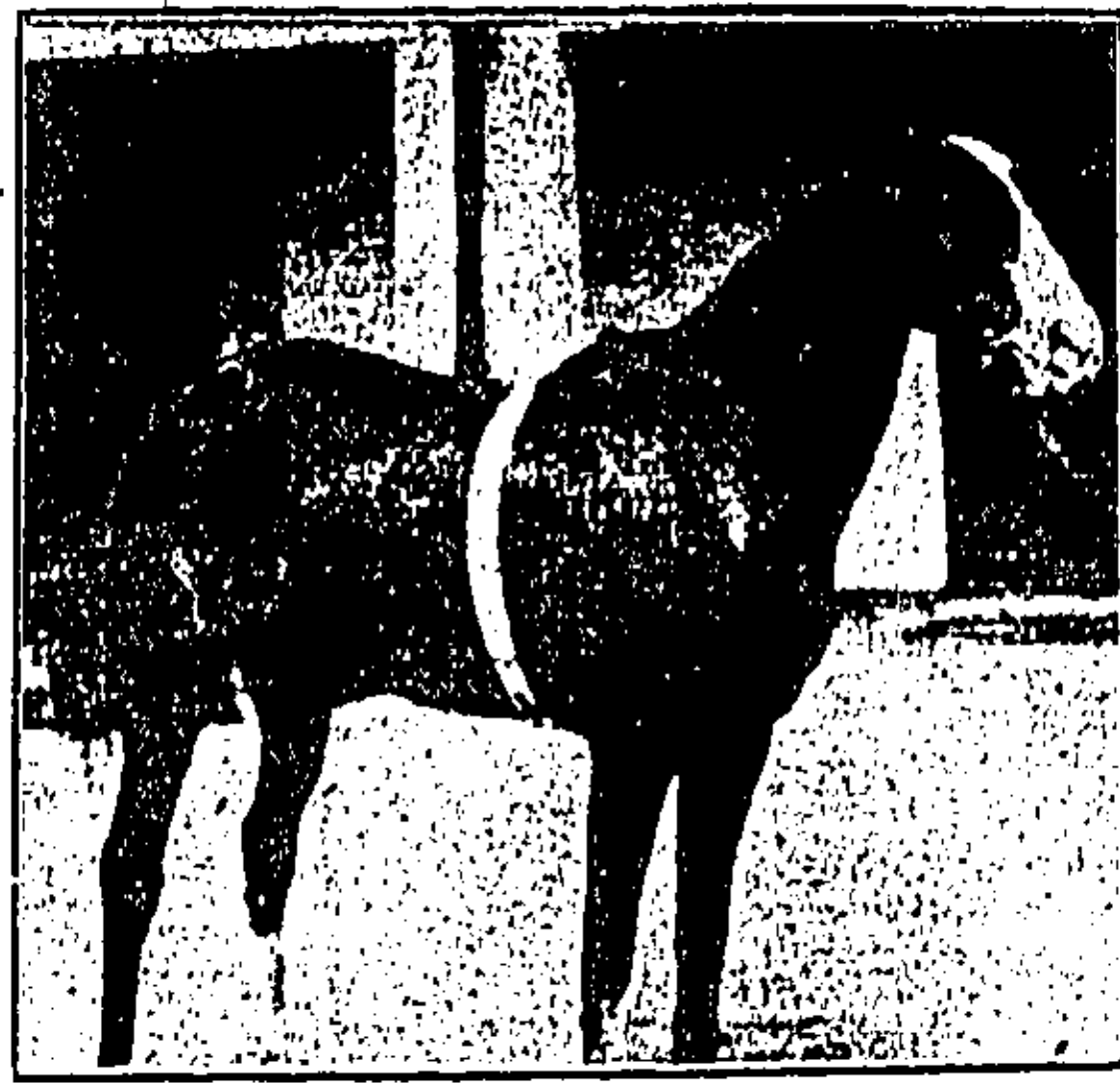
It will be recalled that "Darkie" Chen walked off the field during the match between Tung Hwa and Chinan when the referee awarded Tung Hwa a penalty, the rest of the team followed their captain but the whole eleven returned after five minutes' deliberation to win the game by 3 goals to 2.

The Pioneer Field ground is now closed to the Chinan Club for the remainder of the season, but the offending team were allowed to keep the two points they gained from their rivals. They have, however, received their final warning from the S. F. A.

Gene Sarazen Foremost American Athlete Of Past Year

New York, Dec. 20.
Gene Sarazen, the world famous golfer, has been chosen as the outstanding American athlete of this year, according to a nation-wide poll conducted by the Associated Press.
Sarazen played record-breaking golf to win the American and British Open Championships, a feat only equaled by the great Bobby Jones.
Ellsworth Vines, who surprised the world with some wonderful tennis, has been ranked second, while Eddie Tolan, the Negro sprinter who was a great success in the Olympic Games, is placed third.
Then comes Jimmy Fox, the home-run king of major league baseball; Jim Baugh, the decathlon star; Bill Carr, the famous athlete; Babe Ruth, who helped the Yankees to another world championship; Harry Newman, football star; Lou Gehrig, Yankee first sacker; and Tony Canzoneri, boxer.
The outstanding athletic last year was Pepper Martin, the hero of the 1931 World Series.—Reuter.

SPORT PAGE



POLAR STAR (left) and Woodland Stag (right) two of the foremost Australian ponies which will be rear in opposition at the Annual Meeting in February.

GERMANY'S OLDEST HORSE DIES AT 45.

Doctors To Seek Cause Of Its Long Life.

Cologne, Nov. 24. "Rich," Germany's oldest horse, has died at a racing stud stables near Frankfurt-on-Main at the estimated age of 45. A post-mortem examination will be performed to discover the cause of his long life.

Rich was born in Argentina and taken to England during the 'nineties. In 1905 he was acquired by a German racing concern and placed in the stables where he has died.—Reuter.

Racing Personalities

Mr. E. O. Butler.

Riding in his first race in the Ewo Handicap in November 1929 Mr. Butler has had a dynamic rise to fame at Happy Valley, concluding this season fourth in the local jockeys' list with the following record:

1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	Ttl.
12	13	18	97	140

From December 1928 to September 1930 he did nothing at all. At the end of September he again took up training, and the August of the following year saw him making big strides in the Novice Class. It was not, however, until the last meeting in November that he registered his first win—on Wise Stag in the Ewo Handicap, the unofficial event in which he had made his debut two years before.

His first official win was recorded in December 1931 when he piloted Messrs. Newbigging and Gordon's Grey Dawn past the post to win the Norfolk Plate from a field of eleven. In that year he also had a win and two thirds at Fanling and a third at Macao, but his Valley record read as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	Ttl.
1	0	0	17	18

At the Annual Meeting this year he was booked to ride Bright Star in the Jockey Cup, but the pony went lame thirty-six hours before the race. Mr. Butler, however, was fortunate enough to be offered King's Service and won comfortably.

Workable Stag gave him his tenth win to emerge from the Novice Class in the first half of this season.

He won his first classic on Polar Star when he beat Mr. L. G. Frost, the champion jockey, on The Giraffe, in the Australian St. Leger last month. He went one better again afterwards when he again brought Polar Star first past the post to win the Queensland Autumn Champions from Lucy Giffers.

Chinese Lady Attracted By Shanghai Paper Hunt

Shanghai, Dec. 14. The Master and Stewards of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club will present Mrs. Y. C. Woo with a souvenir to mark the first occasion on which a Chinese lady has ridden in a local paper hunt, it was made known yesterday.

Mrs. Woo participated in last Saturday's hunt in the Minghong country and finished 12th out of a field of about 150 starters. Her feat was made all the more remarkable by the fact that it was a tough and dusty going with plenty of casualties.

Although it was her first hunt here, riding against Shanghai's most seasoned horsemen and horsewomen, Mrs. Woo created a great surprise in hunting circles by her courageous achievement in finishing among the leaders.

It was the first time in the local hunting history that a Chinese woman took part in a hunt, and as she did so well in her first outing the officials of the Club thought it fitting to present her with a present to commemorate the occasion and encourage other Chinese woman riders to take up the sport.

THE MOCK FUNERAL - - - "IN MEMORIAM HONG KONG RACES"

TOTALISATOR AND PARIMUTUEL BETTING FORBIDDEN BY SIR HENRY BLAKE: SECOND HORSE IN WAGER CHAMPIONS AWARDED NO PRIZE: PARIMUTUEL TICKETS SOLD AFTER ACTUAL RACE!

(By Scrutator.)

THE last decade in the history of the Hong Kong Jockey Club has been essentially one of progress, and there are many in the Colony to-day who can recall the disastrous race-course fire, which resulted in the building of the magnificent stands of to-day.

In the year 1923, new arrangements were put into operation in order to allow for freer movement in the enclosures. The meeting in that year consisted of three days of racing at the big meeting and an off-day the same week. Nothing outstanding occurred, but a big dropping off in the Derby and Champion Sweepstakes was recorded. In the first named sweep only 1,832 tickets were sold as against 2,000 the previous year, while the number of tickets sold in the Champion Sweep slumped from 5,230 to 4,208.

"Turning to the racing itself," the China Mail of that year states, "the plums have all fallen to the big stables." Sir Paul Chater's stable was particularly successful.

PONIES LOSE VALUE. The annual pony roup of 1923 was held on March 10, and a considerable drop in prices paid for the ponies was noted, the highest price being \$540 while several ponies only fetched \$5.

Mr. Silas Sassoon, at one time an assistant in the firm of E. D. Sassoon and Company and for many years Official time-keeper at the Valley, retired in May, and he will be remembered as one of the keenest supporters of the race-club since the year 1880.

The extra meetings of these days were all held under the auspices of the Gymkhana Club, and according to the China Mail the pari-mutuel arrangements did not work as smoothly as the system does to-day. There appears to have been considerable delay in paying out winners, while several other unpleasant incidents over betting transactions took place. Wrong change figured prominently and one punter refused to accept small silver among his winnings.

Still later in the year, at an Extra Gymkhana Meeting held in July, astute punters made easy money in one race when they discovered that pari-mutuel tickets were being sold many minutes after the actual race was finished. Although some profited others lost

heavily as the winner was disqualified for not having his saddle girthed.

Mr. C. B. Brown, who was then Secretary, pointed out that the rule of "first past the post" receives betting dividends, did not operate in that race since it was a "stunt" race.

THE STARTING GATE.

Much controversy occurred after that meeting, with regard to the starting methods, and the urge for a starting gate was made by many. The only adverse comment on the possibilities of a starting gate, was that "China ponies would not face a gate."

Much damage to the course was done during the year by water, and was attributed to defective Government drains and culverts. One section of the course, from the winning post to the mile post, was described as "partial swamp and partial slush," while a quagmire was in great prominence at the entrance to the stables. Other parts of the course were described as a "sea of slime."

In connection with the many controversies regarding the conduct of racing and all that pertained to it, the China Mail interviewed Mr. Henry Humphreys, one of the staunchest supporters of racing, during that year.

He stated that he was in favour of giving the starting gate a fair trial. Mr. Humphreys said that prior to 1923, there was a totalisator in use on the course, but what happened to it, he could not say. Asked how a totalisator could disappear, he related the following story of how Governor Blake surrendered to the youthful section of his day.

GAMBLING ABOLISHED!

"Soon after Sir Henry Blake arrived in the Colony as Governor in 1902, an order was given that no gambling would be allowed on the race-course. In consequence the Club was forced to remove the totalisator and close down on pari-mutuel betting also. The natural result was that the Club was compelled to curtail the prize-money. At the Annual Meeting, my horse, Bay Ronald, an Australian gelding, ran second in the Wager Champions, but was awarded no prize as the Club could not afford to offer place money."

However, the ban on betting

Home Racing Statistics

H.H. Aga Khan Heads Two Lists.

RICHARDS 20.04 PER CENT.

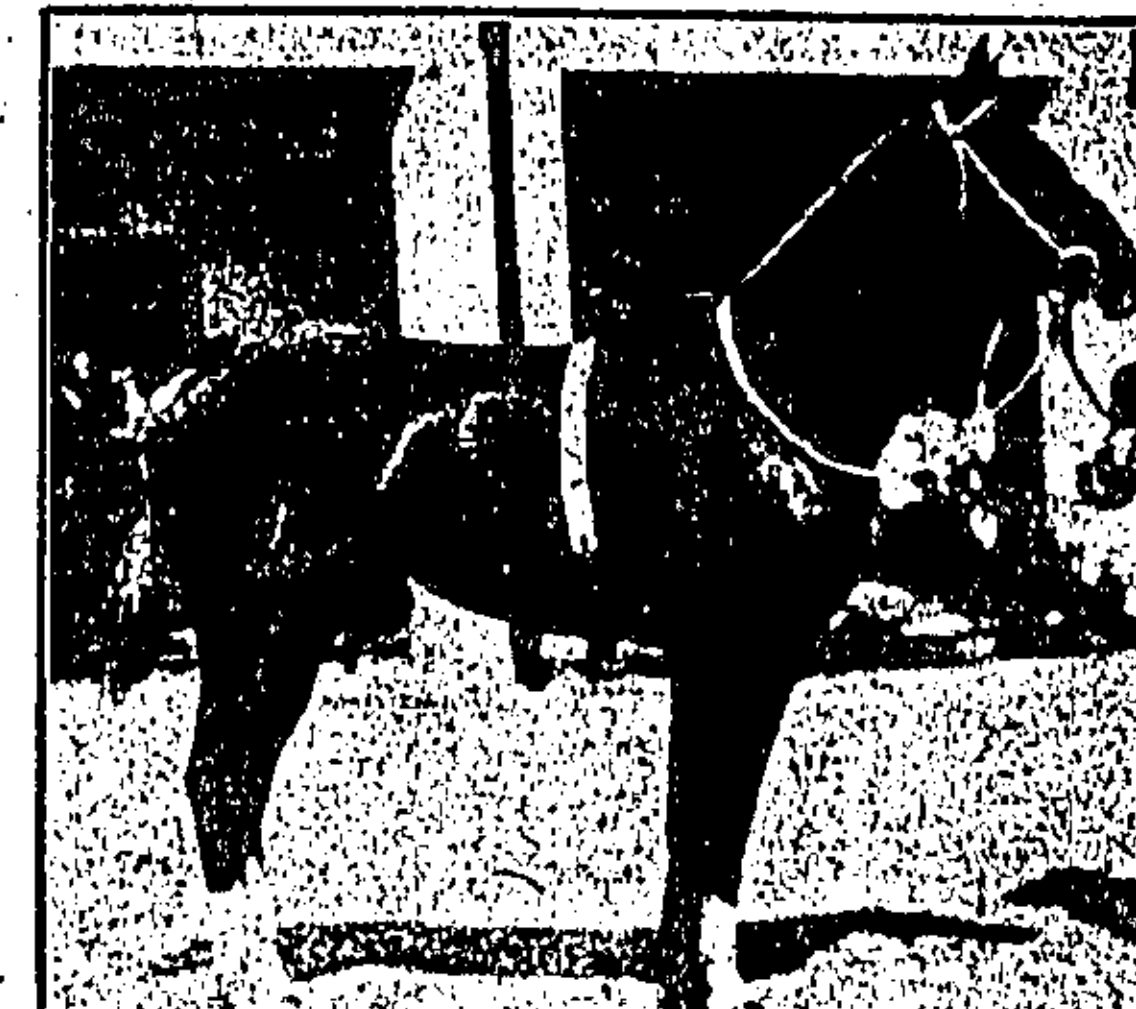
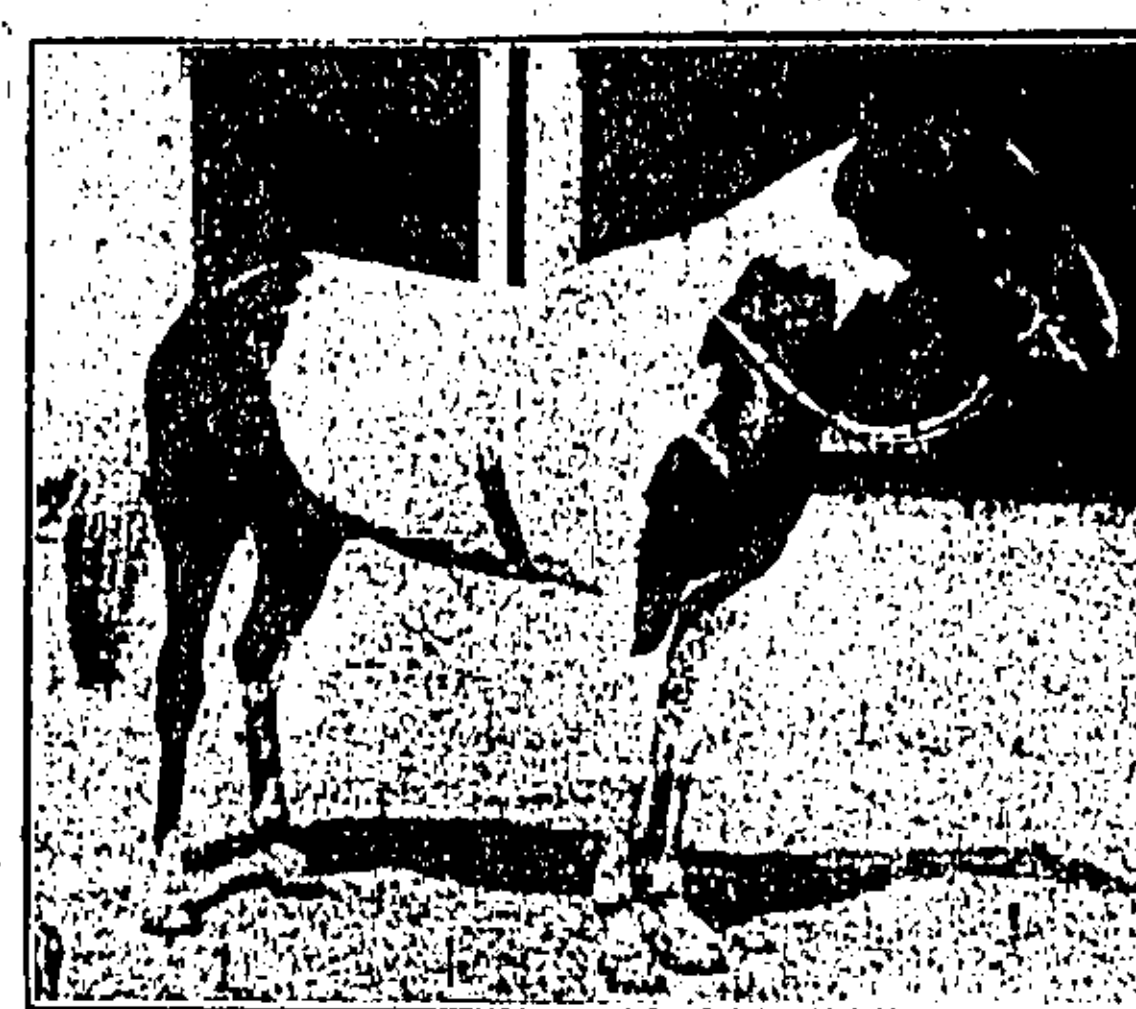
The Home Flat Racing season has been concluded and the following complete statistics for the season will be of interest:

WINNING OWNERS			
Races	No. of	Won	Horses
H. H. Aga Khan	28	15	57,777
Lord Roschery	18	13	17,407
Lord Lonsdale	14	6	15,382
Lord Woolavington	23	13	13,971
M. E. de St. Alary	6	4	11,928
Mr. W. M. G. Singer	7	5	13,929

WINNING BREEDERS			
H. H. Aga Khan	28	15	58,666
In France	59	43	35,659
National Stud	51	22	27,558
Lord Derby	33	19	15,486
Lord Beaverbrook	5	4	13,632
Mrs. A. James	19	10	12,774

WINNING TRAINERS			
Frank Butters	62	34	72,535
E. Darling	72	33	51,592
J. Lawson	26	21	33,548
Hon. G. Lambton	48	26	32,567
D. Peacock	100	52	30,742
J. L. Jarvis	49	33	27,626

WINNING JOCKEYS.					
	Wins.	2nd.	3rd.	Unpl.	Total
G. Richards . . .	190	151	121	486	948
H. Wragg . . .	102	85	71	325	583
W. Nevett . . .	97	59	65	293	514
T. Weston . . .	85	80	54	384	603
R. Perryman . .	78	60	65	338	531
F. Fox . . .	71	86	68	568	793



THE China Pony and the Austra Han—The Tiger (left) and Wotin (right). The latter has 3 wins, 1 second and 2 thirds out of 11 races at the Valley this year. The Tiger had a win, 5 seconds and 2 thirds in 19 races at the Valley this year.

FOUR WINNERS FOR MISS FEARON KWANTI MEETING

THE remarkable success of Miss Fearon was the feature of the programme of racing at Kwanti yesterday. In addition to winning the Ladies' Race on her own pony, three other of her ponies won events. The dull weather reduced the attendance slightly, but those who made the journey were well repaid.

No really big dividends were returned, but they were mostly, quite substantial.

RESULTS.

The Volunteer Corps Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies. First Division. To be ridden by members of the Troops.

G. P. Ferguson's White Star 146 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 1
D. B. Evan's Social Mark 156 lbs. (Mr. Evans) 2
Mackinlay's Peter Davey 167 lbs. (Mr. McKinley) 3
Won by 3/4 length; 3 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$11.82; Places, 1st \$4.07; 2nd \$11.87; 3rd \$14.56.

The Tally Ho Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. Weight 168 lbs. Two Miles.

Miss Fearon's Black Maria 168 lbs. (Mr. Schreiber) 1
H. R. Prior's Duke of Normandy 168 lbs. (Mr. Kemble) 2
Comdr. J. B. Newell's Mell-gard's 168 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 3
Won by 3 lengths; 5 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$9.64; Places, 1st \$3.35; 2nd \$4.04; 3rd \$3.35.

The Ladies' Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" Class at time of entry. Weight 150 lbs. One and a quarter miles. A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider.

Miss Fearon's Festival Eve 152 lbs. (Miss Fearon) 1
Hall & Shenton's Wembley Stag 150 lbs. (Miss Shenton) 2
Mrs. A. M. L. Soares's Golden Arrow 160 lbs. (Miss Alabaster) 3
Won by 2 lengths; 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$4.10; Places, 1st \$2.54; 2nd \$2.95; 3rd \$4.56.

J. A. L. Schreiber's Piccadilly 168 lbs. (Mr. Schreiber) 1
A. J. Stocker's Bay of Calamity 168 lbs. (Mr. Stocker) 2
R. F. F. Gillespie's Happy Hit 168 lbs. (Mr. Ingram) 3
Won by 1/2 length; 3/4 length.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$3.90; Places, 1st \$2.70; 2nd \$3.10; 3rd \$3.90.

The Christmas Plate.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E" Class. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. One and a Quarter Miles.

Chan Wing-yung's Tien Feng 147 lbs. (Mr. Chanson) 1
Heard's Christmas Belle 152 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 2
Miss P. Scott Harston's Imperial Hall 152 lbs. (Mr. Doy) 3
Won by a length; 2 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$3.20; Places, 1st \$2.50; 2nd \$2.40; 3rd \$3.20.

The Christmas Steeplechase.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. One and a Half Miles.

Tally Ho's Daylight Eve 145 lbs. (Mr. Ferguson) 1
A. L. Birt's Cloudy Eve 140 lbs. (Mr. Schreiber) 2
J. W. Hope's Celerity 154 lbs. (Mr. Hope) 3
Won by 6 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$2.80; Places, 1st \$2.50; 2nd \$3.40; 3rd \$5.10.

The Polo Scurry (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. Weight 168 lbs. To be ridden by playing members of the Hong Kong Polo Club. Half a Mile.

China Mail Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

Cricket.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

Army v Navy (H.K.C.C. ground, 11 a.m.)

Hockey.

MAMAK TOURNAMENT.

Police v R.A.S.C. (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

TO-MORROW.

Billiards.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sgt. Buckle v A. H. Oswick (St. Patrick's Club, 8.30 p.m.)

Cricket.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

Army v Navy (H.K.C.C. ground, 11 a.m.)

FRIDAY.

Billiards.

STEEL COULSON LEAGUE.

Police v Garrison Sergeants

Palace Hotel v Borderers

Royal Engineers v C. & P.O. Club

Royal Artillery v St. Patrick's

Hockey.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

H.K.H.C. "A" v Lincolnshire (King's Park, 5.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY.

Cricket.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

Hong Kong C.C. v Navy (Hong Kong C.C. ground)

Kowloon C.C. v Army.

League II

Civil Service v R.A.S.C. (L.)

Football.

FIRST DIVISION.

South China v Kowloon

St. Joseph's v Police

Borderers v Royal Artillery

Recreio v Chinese Athletics

Lincolns v Club

SECOND DIVISION.

Eastern v Ewo

Club v Kowloon

St. Joseph's v Borderers

South China v Chinese Athletics

Royal Artillery v Lincolns

Navy v Tsung Tsun

THIRD DIVISION.

Royal Air Force v University

Chinese Athletics v South China

Rugby.

H.K. Rugby Club v Navy

(Happy Valley, 4 p.m.)

SUNDAY.

Cricket.

University Past v Present

Miscellaneous.

Kowloon Cricket Club Children's

Sports.

Racing.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club

Steeplechase Meeting (Kwanti)

Cash Sweeps At Kwanti Yesterday

Race 1.		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —	
No. 87	\$350.85	Nos. 406, 478, 479, 123.		Nos. 287, 382, 486, 284, 47.	
" 485	100.26				
" 438	50.13				
Race 4.		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —	
Nos. 272, 182, 352, 278, 378.		No. 156	\$1,007.85	No. 542	\$581.16
		" 397	287.96	" 45	151.26
		" 383	143.98	" 221	75.88
Race 2.		Unplaced ponies (\$50 each) —		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —	
No. 27	\$422.62	Nos. 322, 88, 1, 49, 120, 250, 125, 223.		Nos. 179, 522, 349, 426.	
" 103	120.76				
" 322	60.88				
Race 3.		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —		Unplaced ponies (\$25 each) —	
Nos. 95, 294, 79, 293.		No. 375	\$478.52	No. 15	\$522.22
		" 454	184.70	" 85	177.90
		" 8	70.71	" 119	150



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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Mon., 2nd Jan.
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THE THREE INFERNAL JOKES

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In fact that the "Briton" for the use of its name, and to obtain orders for "The Briton Dictionary of Electricity" was the occupation of my unfortunate friend. He seems to have had a way with him. Apparently he knew by a glance at a man, or a look round at his garden, whether to recommend the book as "an absolutely up-to-date achievement, the finest thing of its kind in the world of modern science" or as "at once quaint and imperfect, a thing to buy and to keep, as a tribute to those dear old times that are gone."

So he went on with this quaint though usual business, putting aside the memory of that night as an occasion on which he had "somewhat exceeded," as they say in circles where a spade is called neither a spade nor an agricultural implement, but is never mentioned at all, being altogether too vulgar. And then one night he put on his suit of dress clothes and found the three jokes in the pocket. That was perhaps a shock. He seems to have thought it over carefully then, and the end of it was he gave a dinner at the club to twenty of the members. The dinner would do no harm, he thought—might even help the business, and if the joke came off he would be a witty fellow, and two jokes still up his sleeve.

Whom he invited, or how the dinner went, I do not know, for he began to speak rapidly, and came straight to the point, as a stick that nears a cataract suddenly goes faster and faster. The dinner was duly served, the port went round, the twenty men were smoking, two waiters loitered, when he, after carefully reading the best of the jokes, told it down the table. They laughed. One man accidentally inhaled his cigar smoke and spluttered, the two waiters overheard and tittered behind their hands; one man, a bit of a raconteur himself, quite clearly wished not to laugh, but his veins swelled dangerously in trying to keep it back, and in the end he laughed too. The joke had succeeded; my friend smiled at the thought; he wished to say little deprecating things to the man on his right; but the laughter did not stop and the waiters would not be silent. He waited, and waited, wondering; the laughter went roaring on, distinctly louder now, and the waiters as loud as any. It had gone on for three or four minutes when this frightful thought leaped up all at once in his mind: it was forced laughter! However could anything have induced him to tell so foolish a joke? He saw its absurdity as in revelation; and the more he thought of it as these people laughed, at him, even the waiters too, the more he felt that he could never lift up his head with his brother touts again. And still the laughter went roaring and choking on. He was very angry. There was not much use in having a friend, he thought, if one silly joke could not be overlooked; he had fed them too. And then he felt that he had no friends at all, and his anger faded away, and a great unhappiness came down on him, and he got quietly up and slunk from the room and slipped away from the club. Poor man, he scarcely had the heart next morn-

ing even to glance at the papers, but you did not need to glance at them, big type was banded about that day as though it were common type, the words of the headlines stared at you; and the headlines said: "Twenty-two Dead Men at a Club."

Yes, he saw it then; the laughter had not stopped; some had probably burst bloodvessels, some must have choked, some succumbed to nausea; heart failure must have mercifully taken some; and they were his friends after all, and none had escaped, not even the waiters. It was that infernal joke.

He thought out swiftly, and remembers clear as a nightmare, the drive to Victoria Station, the boat-train to Dover and going disguised to the boat; and on the boat, pleasantly smiling, almost obsequious, two constables that wished to speak for a moment to Mr. Watkyn-Jones. That was his name.

In a third-class carriage with handcuffs on his wrists, with forced conversation when any, he returned between his captors to Victoria, to be tried for murder at the High Court of Bow.

At the trial he was defended by a young barrister of considerable ability, who had gone into the Cabinet in order to enhance his forensic reputation. And he was ably defended. It is no exaggeration to say that the speech for the defence showed it to be usual, even natural and right, to give a dinner to twenty men and to slip away without even saying a word, leaving all, with the waiters, dead. That was the impression left in the minds of the jury. And Mr. Watkyn-Jones felt himself practically free, with all the advantages of his awful experience, and his two jokes intact. But lawyers are still experimenting with the new Act which allows a prisoner to give evidence. They do not like to make no use of it for fear they may be thought not to know of the Act, and a lawyer who is not in touch with the very latest laws is soon regarded as not being up to date, and he may drop as much as fifty thousand a year in fees. And therefore, though it always hangs their clients, they hardly like to neglect it.

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simple truth, and a very poor affair it seemed after the impassioned and beautiful things that were uttered by the counsel for the defence. Men and women had wept when they heard Watkyn-Jones. Some tittered. It no longer seemed a right and natural thing to leave one's guests all dead and to fly the country. Where was Justice, they asked, if anyone could do that? And when his story was told the judge rather happily asked if he could make him die of laughter too. And what was the joke? For in so grave a place as a Court of Justice no fatal effects need be feared. And hesitatingly the prisoner pulled from his pocket the three slips of paper, and perceived for the first time that the one on which the first and best joke had been written had become quite blank. Yet he could remember it, and only too clearly. And he told it from memory to the Court.

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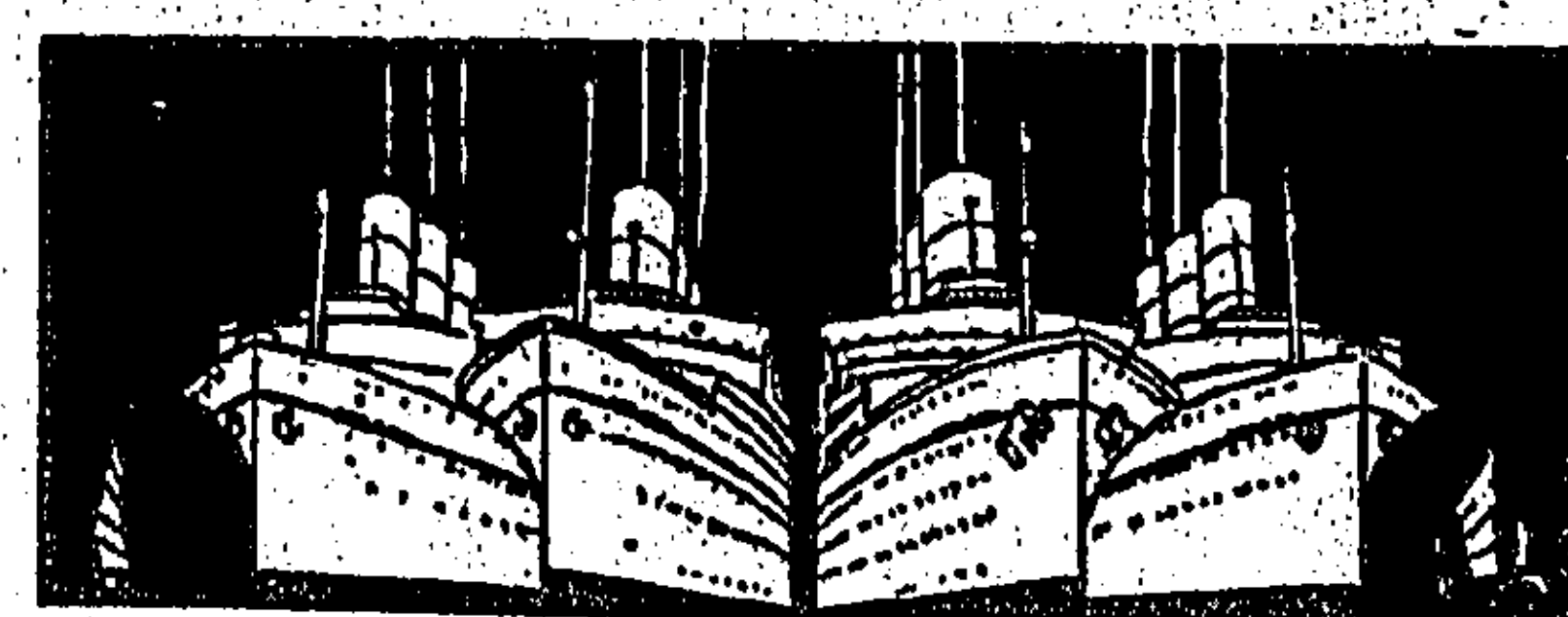
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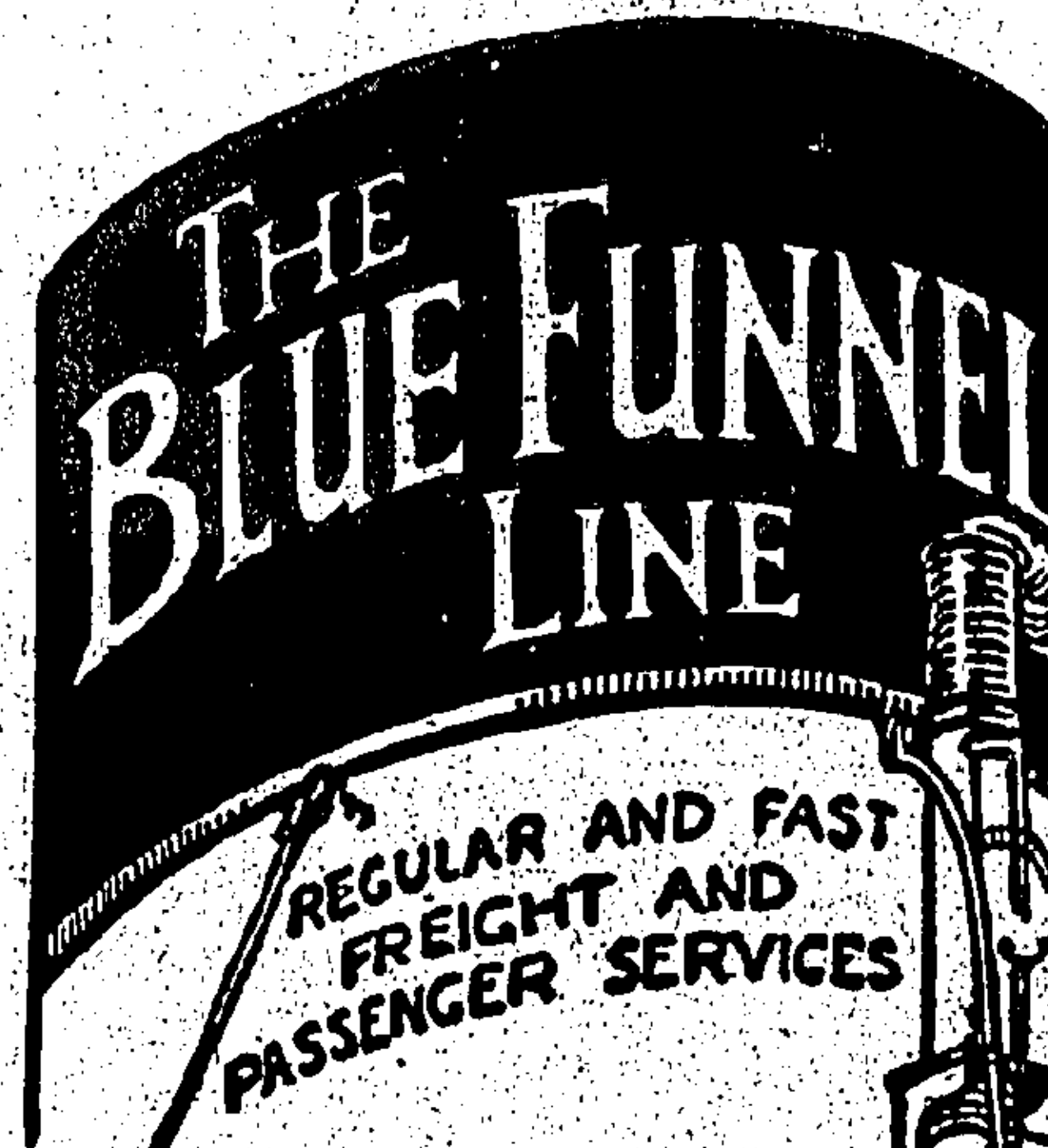
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THE THREE INFERNAL JOKES

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No joke sounds quite so good the second time it is told. It seems to lose something of its essence; but Watkyn-Jones was not prepared for the awful stillness with which this one was received; nobody smiled; and it had killed twenty-two men. The joke was bad, devilish bad; counsel for the defence was frowning, and an usher was looking in a little bug for something the judge wanted. And at this moment, as though from far away, without his wishing it, there entered the prisoner's head, and shone there and would not go, this old bad proverb: "As well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb." The jury seemed to be just about to retire. "I have another joke," said Watkyn-Jones, and then there he read from the second slip of paper. He watched the paper curiously to see if it would go blank, occupying his mind with so slight a thing, as men in dire distress very often do, and the words were almost immediately expunged, swept swiftly as if by a hand, and he saw the paper before him as blank as the first. And they were laughing this time, judge, jury, counsel for the prosecution, audience, and all, and the grim men that watched him upon either side. There was no mistake about this joke.

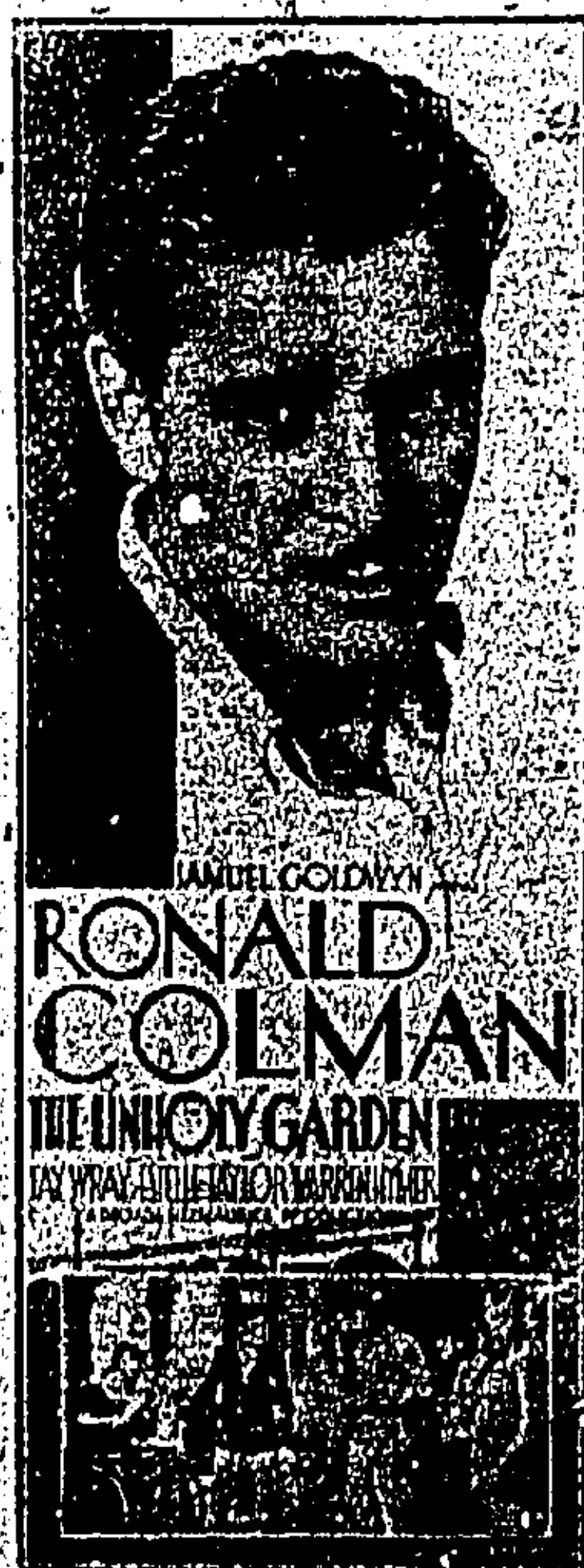
He did not stay to see the end, and walked out with his eyes fixed on the ground, unable to bear a glance to the right or left. And since then he has wandered, avoiding ports and roaming lonely places. Two years have known him on the Highland roads, often hungry, always friendless, always changing his district, wandering lonely on with his deadly joke.

Sometimes for a moment he will enter inns, driven by cold and hunger, and hear men in the evening telling jokes, and even challenging him; but he sits desolate and silent, lest his only weapon should escape from him and his last joke spread mourning in a hundred cots. His beard has grown and turned grey and is mixed with moss and weeds, so that no one, I think, not even the police, would recognise him now for that dapper tout that sold the "Briton Dictionary of Electricity" in such a different land.

He paused, his story told, and then his lip quivered as though he would say more, and I believe he intended then and there to yield up his deadly joke on that Highland road, and to go forth then with his three blank slips of paper, perhaps to a felon's cell, with one more murder added to his crimes, but harmless at last to man. I therefore hurried on, and only heard him mumbling sadly behind me, standing bowed and broken, all alone in the twilight, perhaps telling over and over even then the last infernal joke.

THE END.

COMING SOON TO THE KING'S



England To Play China In Final Bryant And Ridley Riddle Welsh Defence

ENGLAND'S TWO WEAKNESSES

(By Outside Left.)

ENGLAND qualified to meet China in the Final of the Sunday Herald Cup yesterday when they beat Wales by 8 goals to 4 on the Club ground. Although they won by a comfortable margin England will have to make at least two changes in the side to meet China in the Final. Perkins showed poor form at centre-forward, and Fogwill did not rise to the occasion, two mistakes costing goals. In other departments they need look no further, for the team is built round the best half-back line in the Colony.

The capabilities of Pardoe and Bliss are known but the performance of the grey-haired Robinson came as a surprise to many. He was the hero of the first half when his splendid tackling completely subdued Duncan and Jones. His distribution left nothing to be desired and his play generally brought rounds of applause.

SEASON'S RESULTS.

The following have been the results of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup this season.

Portugal	5	Scotland	3
Semi Final:			
China	6	Portugal	0
England	8	Wales	4

Pardoe gave Lakeman no rope and kept his forwards on the move with judicious passes while Bliss played to his usual high standard.

FINE BACKS.

Fogwill, although bringing off some splendid saves, showed clearly that he has not the big match temperament, though his two backs gave him little cause for anxiety. Allen and Strange made a splendid pair, playing with good understanding.

England lacked a leader in their attack; the danger always came from the wings, Woods and Bryant taking all the kudos in the second half. Ridley and Bryant were the arch-schemers of every raid, sharing six of the goals between them. Woods was overshadowed by Baldry in the first half, but he improved later to put in some good runs and centres.

Wales had a good defence in Johnson, Mullane and Morrison, the last-named being more outstanding by virtue of his splendid tackling. Podmore was the best of the halves. Channings was a great worker in the centre, but with Morgan and Podmore he found the English forward line a little too strong. The left wing of the Welsh side were the most dangerous with Jones always seeking to

send Lakeman through. Duncan was much quieter than usual and Harris and Davis were not much in evidence until late in the game, for Lakeman did not have the opportunities to cross the ball to the right often enough.

ENGLAND THREE UP.

England were the first to settle down, and after twenty minutes play they took the lead as the result of a splendid goal. A well placed corner from Woods was cleared out to PARDOE whose shot from thirty yards entered the net like a rocket, Johnson touching the ball but being unable to deviate it from its course, so great was the force. England soon took up the running again and Ridley missed a great chance for Johnson to put over the bar for a corner. This was well placed by Baldry and PURKINS headed the second goal. A minute later Ridley sent BRYANT through to add the third.

The game became more even at this stage, though a centre by Podmore hit the inside of the post and Johnson effected a spectacular save from a splendid shot by Ridley.

Crossing over three goals up, England were soon attacking and RIDLEY scored fourth.

Fast football was witnessed with the Welsh forwards showing better understanding. Fogwill saved well from Jones, and then a good passing movement resulted in Wales reducing the deficit through DAVIS. Goals now came with alarming regularity. Johnson, in saving, pushed the ball out to BRYANT, who scored England's fifth. Duncan then spoiled a good opening for Wales by centring behind, and a splendid solo effort by BRYANT placed England further ahead.

BRYANT'S "HAT TRICK"

England slackened their pace, and a good move by Harris resulted in JONES scoring Wales's second goal. From the restart Robertson sent Wood away and BRYANT completed the 'hat trick' with a splendid header. Jones was wide with an effort and then DUNCAN shot, the ball passing underneath Fogwill. Morrison now went up to centre forward, and went close twice within a minute, but Bryant again secured possession to pass to RIDLEY for the latter to draw Johnson and place the ball into an empty net for the eighth goal. Wales never gave up trying and Duncan shot across the goal; Fogwill erred in allowing the ball to go by, for HARRIS hooked the ball in from the line to score a grand concluding goal.

Result:
England 8
Wales 4
Mr. Baldwin lined out the teams as follows.

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Wales—Johnson; Mullane, Morrison; Morgan, Podmore (Borderers); Channings (Police); Harris, Davis, Lakeman, Jones and Duncan (Borderers).

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Old North Of England Custom.

(Reuter's Mail Service.)

London. Once again the old custom of the Cumberland Martinmas hirings of farm servants has been carried out at Carlisle and other towns. Though the attendance was large, there was a tendency to hire fewer hands for the next half year. A scarcity of women and girls was noticeable, and those available got "places" at good wages. But many men went away unhired. At Keswick, however, the agricultural depression was reflected in the hirings, for more men and boys were seeking employment than can ever be remembered before, but the number of farmers looking for employees was small.

PETTY OFFICER DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

British Sailor To Be Buried To-day.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the Royal Naval Hospital, of Petty Officer Sterling of H.M.S. Veteran, who died of double pneumonia after a week's illness. The funeral, with full Naval honours, will take place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley.

CANADIAN OFFICER TAKES PRISONER.

Chinese Held Here On Murder Charge.

Mark Ark, alias J. C. Wu, against whom a warrant has been issued by the Government of British Columbia for alleged murder, made another appearance before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when he waived extradition.

The fugitive's escort, Detective-Inspector J. Ellice, of Vancouver, was present in Court. He takes custody of the prisoner on the trip to Canada, where he will be tried. It is understood that the accused will leave on the Empress of Asia to-morrow.

BANK ESTABLISHED IN FUKIEN.

Rapid strides in the development of Fukien province have been made since General Chiang Kwong-wei took over the reins of the Provincial Government. An industrial bank, with a capital of \$2,000,000 is now being established, and Mr. Wong Yam-shu has been appointed chief manager of the concern, which is to have branch offices in Foochow, Potin, Chuen Chow and Chiang Chow. The bank will issue notes of \$10, \$5 and \$2 denomination.

FAMOUS GIFT TO AUSTRALIAN.

A Link With Outbreak Of Great War.

(Reuter's Mail Service.)

Sydney. The recently-passed 18th anniversary of the beginning of the Great War was an event of more than ordinary significance to Mr. W. A. Gars, of Dee Why, who owns a cigarette case formerly owned by the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose murder at Sarajevo marked the outbreak.

As manager of Burne Philp and Co. at Port Moresby, Papua, over 30 years ago, his father was able to be of service to the Archduke who passed through the tropic settlements during a world tour. As is the whim of Royalty, Mr. Gars, senior was rewarded for his interest in the visitor's welfare by the gift of the Archduke's hand-somely engraved cigarette case.

GENERAL MA FOUND SAFE IN RUSSIA.

(Continued from page 1.)

This man, who at first examination produced documents bearing the name of Ma Hsu-fan, has been punished for deceiving the Soviet authorities, by being isolated from the remainder of the internees. — Reuter.

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